Soldier beheaded; 'This is a fight to the finish'

STORY ON PAGE A2

Roco: Neither here nor there

THIRD FORCE KAMI PERO PPC PA RIN KAMI!
IN OR OUT?

By Donna S. Cueto

HE'S not quite out of the administration coalition. But he's not quite in either. He's neither here nor there.

Rather, Raul Roco and his political

ROCO/A17

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER Sunday
BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

IN *Sunday* LIFESTYLE
- Home & Garden devotes 10 pages on Filipino architect Daniel Romualdez / C1

Happy place for Roco /F1

e-mail: feedback@inquirer.com.ph September 8, 2002 ★ 74 pages / 7 sections / vol.17 / no. 272 P15 website: www.inq7.net

Piatco wants Climaco out

Inhibition of adviser in new Naia deal sought

By Michael Lim Ubac and Juliet Javellana

LET US renegotiate the contract but get Gloria Tan-Climaco out of there.

In a gist, this was the response of the Philippine International Air Terminals Co. (Piatco) to the "renegotiation, no takeover, no cancellation" declaration of Justice Secretary Hernando Perez last Friday.

Piatco president Cheng Yong heaped praise on Perez, the chair of the seven-man Cabinet committee tasked by President Macapagal-Arroyo to review the contract to build the $609-million Naia International Passengers Terminal 3 for taking a stand contrary to that of Climaco, secretary for strategic projects.

Earlier in the week Climaco, a member of the review committee, had proposed a government takeover of the Naia 3 by buying the shares of Piatco's German partner, Frankfurt Airport Services Worldwide (Fraport AG), for $400 million.

Moises Tolentino, Piatco vice president, urged Climaco to inhibit herself from participating in the renegotiation.

"She had prejudged the Piatco contract with her unverified and undocumented conclusions. She should not take part in the committee's deliberation out of delicadeza," Tolentino said.

Two congressmen, who also support the renegotiation of the Piatco contract, Negros Oriental Rep. Jacinto Paras and Davao City Rep. Prospero Nograles continued to criticize Climaco.

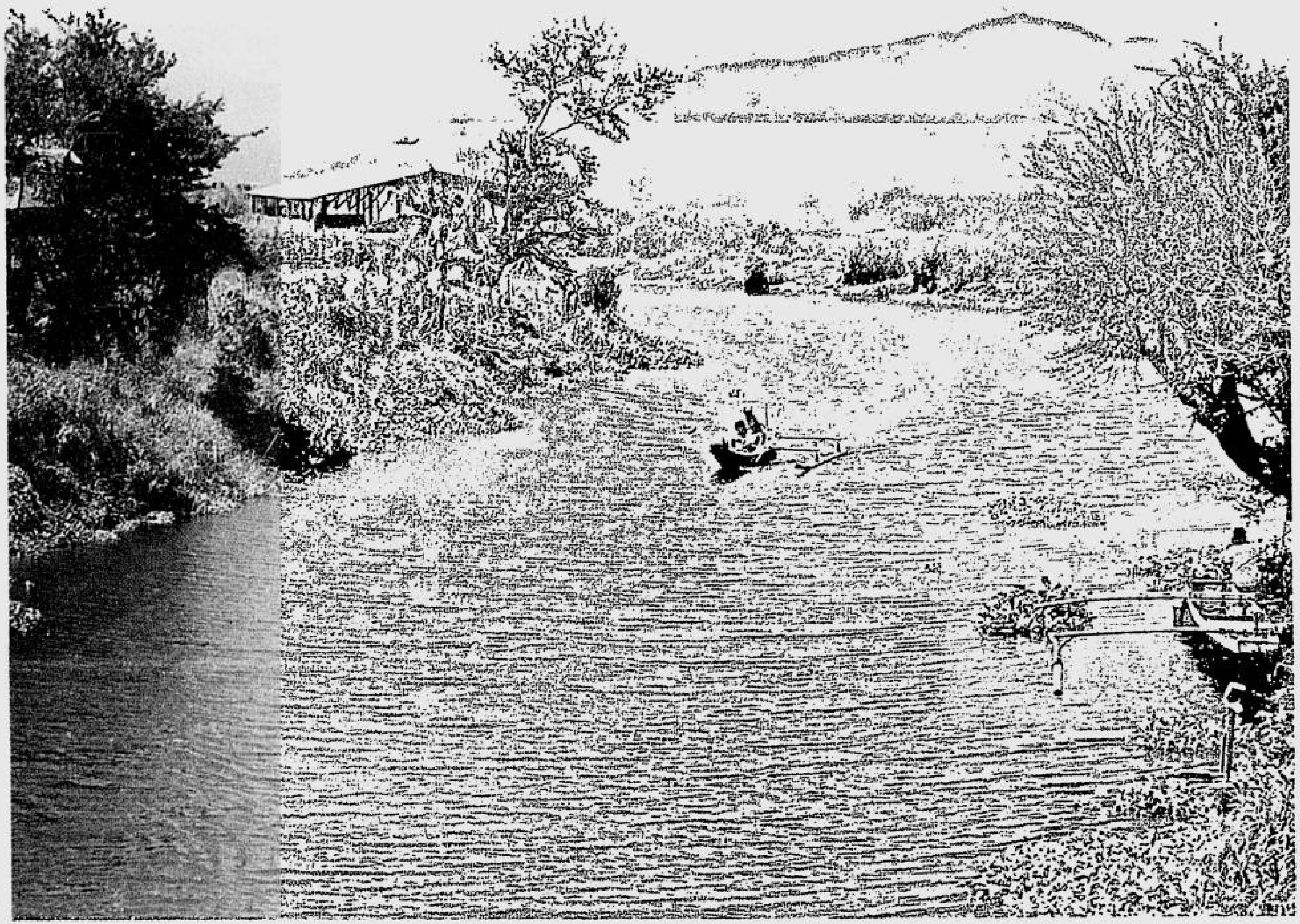
Nograles said he would press for an investigation of Climaco to determine who she was working for.

"Her proposal is legally untenable. There must be a very strong motive for her to do that," Nograles said.

Nograles said he had proposed the creation of the panel and the appointment to it of people who will not give the President "bum advice."

"The fact that the President appointed her trusted lieutenants and sober economic managers to the panel

PIATCO/A16



HAILED "as best practice example" of lake sustainability through a tripartite partnership of government, NGO and the industrial sector, Laguna de Bay made history during the conference of the 19-member Living Lakes network held in Pretoria, South Africa.

PHOTO COURTESY OF UNILEVER

Laguna de Bay the toast of Living Lakes confab

By Jerry Espianada

PRETORIA, South Africa—Barely a year after becoming a member of Living Lakes, our very own Laguna de Bay has been hailed by the prestigious global network as a "best practice example" of lake sustainability initiatives.

The Philippines' biggest (90,000 hectares) lake shared the honor with Germany's Lake Constance and South Africa's St. Lucia Wetland Park at the 7th Living Lakes conference held late last month in this country's northeastern province of Gauteng.

The theme of the conference was "Implementation of Agenda 21," in reference to the 1992 Rio de Janeiro Summit's 800-page blueprint for helping poor nations develop without adding further damage to the environment.

CLEAR or "Conservation of Laguna de Bay's Environment and Resources"—a tripartite body composed of the Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA), the nongovernment Society for the Conservation of Philippine Wetlands (SCPW), and Unilever Philippines—was the toast of the 19-member, Germany-based Living Lakes network.

Zulu-speaking delegates to the conference called it "*ubudlelwane obuvelele*," or a "unique partnership" in nature conservation.

Earlier in Manila, Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez told the INQUIRER that Laguna de Bay's admission to the network had "turned (it) into a global lake, and its environmental problems into global issues."

"Now it's not only the LLDA—an agency attached to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources—

LAGUNA/A16

Lanao village rises from the ashes

By Grace Cantal-Albasin
PDI Mindanao Bureau
and Lina Sagaral, *Contributor*

GRACE CANTAL-ALBASIN, PDI MINDANAO BUREAU

GUSHING villagers can't get over one of the best things that has happened in Delabayan—drinking water right in their backyard.

DELABAYAN, Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte—Red Stars, Rukmah Panti Atab calls the tiny crimson flowers on a vine by her house.

"Their seeds, like this house, were given to us by the pastors and soldiers," Rukmah said.

Rukmah lives in the newly rebuilt village of Delabayan, about 42 km west of Iligan City.

Two years ago, this predominantly Muslim village was torched, the result of the Estrada administration's all-out war in Mindanao aimed at the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

Today the houses and their gardens of dahliahs and zinnias, *sayote*, squash, *gabi* and corn and clotheslines full of washed *malongs* hide the damage done by war to the earth and to memories.

The houses made of *sawali* (split and woven bamboo) with galvanized iron roofing are twice bigger than those in low-cost housing projects in the cities.

"You know Major Mac? He is our Papa here. Santa Claus, too, if you may," Rukmah said.

"Major Mac" is Maj. Johnny Macanas, spokesperson of the 4th Infantry Division of the Philippine Army in Cagayan de Oro.

There was a time when residents of this village viewed the government's campaign against Muslim secessionist groups as part of a plan to obliterate Muslims from the country. They distrusted everything from the government and, sadly, anything that had something to do with their Christian brethren.

But the villagers wanted peace so they could rebuild their hopes and dreams of a progressive village that had been tattered by years of violence.

That need was to be filled up by the military and Christian missionaries. The latter grouped themselves into a project called "I Sincerely Love All Muslims (Islam)."

The desire to help rebuild the lives of the villagers was not an easy task for Project Islam members, not only because they would be dealing with a village deprived of basic services but also because of the residents' deep distrust for Christians.

Last February, the group started working on the village mosque that was hit by military mortar aimed at MILF rebels.

"They first thought we were trying to convert them to Christianity. When we began building the mosque, they started to trust us. Perhaps they realized our sincerity in helping them recover," Pastor Alex Eduave, secretary of Project Islam, told the INQUIRER.

Soon after, the villagers started attending consultations

LANAO/A16

As time goes by, play it again, Sam

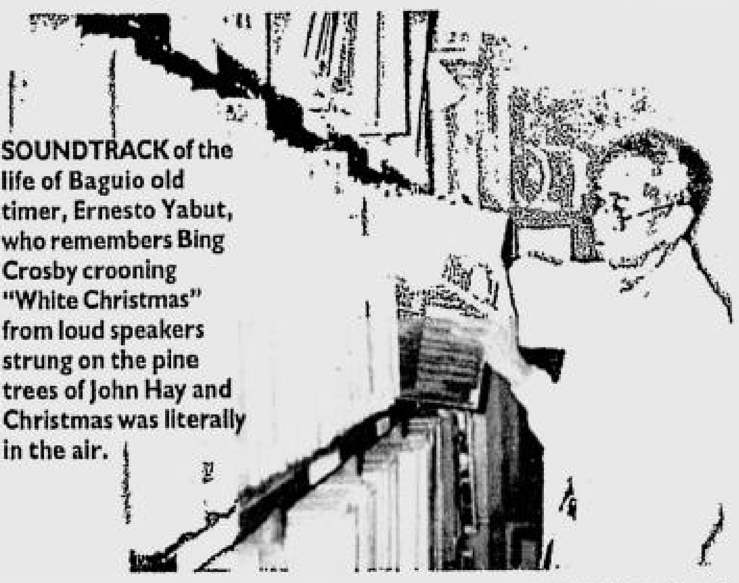
By Gerry Lirio

THEY'RE playing your songs again, Sam.

From movie themes, Broadway classics, jazz, pop, rock and country down to Christmas carols, these are the songs that made the likes of Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, Elvis Presley, the Beatles, Frank Sinatra, Barbra Streisand, Michael Jackson, Dionne Warwicke, the Commodores, Earth, Wind and Fire, Righteous Brothers, Alabama . . . name them.

The songs are part of some 1,500 long-playing albums owned and played by American

ASTIME/A16



SOUNDTRACK of the life of Baguio old timer, Ernesto Yabut, who remembers Bing Crosby crooning "White Christmas" from loud speakers strung on the pine trees of John Hay and Christmas was literally in the air.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: The Western section of Central and Southern Luzon and the Western section of Visayas will have Monsoon rains. The rest of the country will be cloudy with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms.

SOURCE: PAGASA

COMPILED BY: ARMIN ADINA, PDI RESEARCH/09/08/02

Metro Manila	Monsoon Rains	Iloilo/Bacolod	Cloudy with Rains
Baguio	Cloudy with Rains	Roxas	Cloudy with Rains
Tuguegarao	Cloudy with Rains	Cebu	Cloudy with Rains
Laoag	Cloudy with Rains	Tacloban	Cloudy with Rains
Clark Zone	Monsoon Rains	Gen. Santos	Cloudy with Rains
Tagaytay	Monsoon Rains	Zamboanga	Cloudy with Rains
Legazpi	Cloudy with Rains	Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains
Calapan	Monsoon Rains	Davao	Cloudy with Rains

Second FRONTPAGE

'This is a fight to the death'

ZAMBOANGA CITY—"*Ubusan na ito ng pisi ngayon*(this is a fight to the death)," was how the chief of the Southern Command, Lt. Gen. Ernesto Carolina, described the ongoing military operation in Patikul, Sulu, where soldiers have overrun a major camp of the Abu Sayyaf bandit group.

Carolina said the military was determined to end the Abu Sayyaf's reign of terror and "this is the time."

The death toll from two days of fighting between the troops and the kidnap gang holding seven hostages has risen to 24 but there was still no word about the fate of four Filipino women and three Indonesian seamen seized by two different factions of the Abu Sayyaf and hidden in the forests of Jolo island.

Yesterday, troops scoured Mt. Tunggal for signs of the different Abu Sayyaf gangs which are believed to have merged their forces.

Officers said soldiers were maneuvering to encircle the bandits while the Air Force's MG-520 helicopter gunships and OV-10 Bronco attack planes stood ready to blast their positions.

About 2,000 local residents have fled the area for fear of getting caught in the fighting, local officials said.

Eight soldiers and 14 Abu Sayyaf bandits have been killed in fighting which began last Friday, said Maj. Gen. Glicerio Sua, the head of the special Task Force Comet battling the Abu Sayyaf. Seven soldiers have been wounded.

Yesterday, the military recovered the headless body of one of the slain soldiers. He was identified as PFC Kuhutan.

Of the 16 slain bandits, only three bodies have been recovered.

"Our troops could see the enemies as they fall, but their comrades dragged them," Sua explained.

"This is a very big group that our forces have been confronting," said Sua.

"The ground troops are certain the (casualty) figure of the bandits is increasing as there were sporadic encounters while the Abu Sayyaf were retreating," said Jolo military commander Brig. Gen. Romeo Tolentino.

The initial clash between the soldiers and the bandits started in Mt. Munggit, which is adjacent to Mt. Tunggul, early on Friday morning.

"Our troops spotted four armed men fetching water. They ignored them and continued moving downhill, where they saw around 200 bandits," a ranking military official said.

Judging from the large number of bandits, the military has deduced that the top Abu Sayyaf leaders based in Tunggul have merged their forces, Sua said.

He identified the bandit group led by Abdulmuin Sahiron, alias Kumander Arafat, and another faction headed by Abdulmuin's uncle, Radulan Sahiron, alias Kumander Putol .

Abdulmuin Sahiron's group is believed to be responsible for the abduction of eight Jehovah's Witness evangelists on Aug. 20 in Sulu. Two of the hostages were freed while two others were beheaded. The gang is still holding four female Jehovah's Witnesses.

Sua could not confirm reports that two other top Abu Sayyaf leaders, Galib Andang alias Kumander Robot, and Mujib Susukan, have joined the Sahirons.

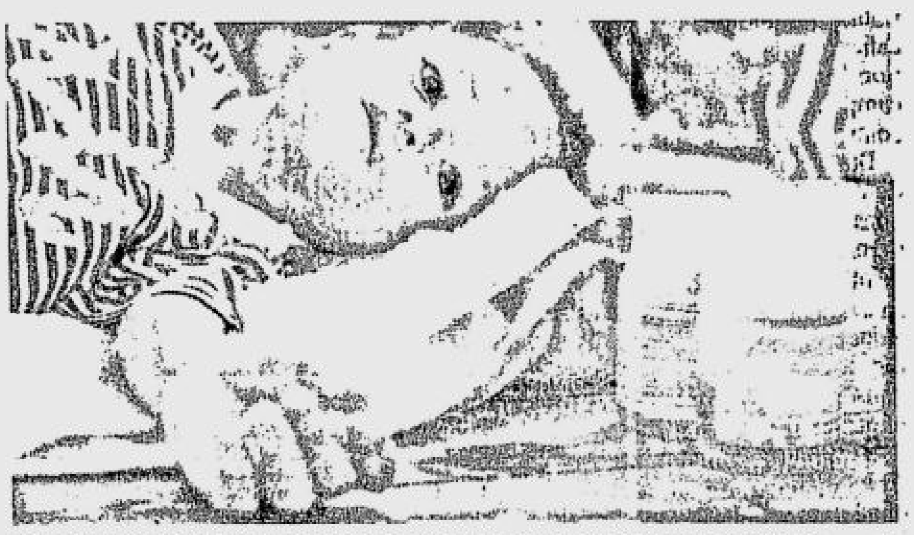
"But it's not likely for them to merge because Robot's group is based in the Talipao-Indanan area which is quite far from Mount Tunggul," Sua said.

The Barangay Danag chair, Normina Abubakar, earlier brought information from local residents that Robot and Susukan had joined the Sahirons.

Military officials also believe that to repel the government attack, the Abu Sayyaf group has united with armed followers of jailed ex-Moro National Liberation Front leader Nur Misuari, who is being charged with leading a short-lived revolt in Jolo in November.

"The group has suddenly grown so big. We have suspicions that the three (groups) have merged, but this has not been confirmed," said Brig. Gen. Eduardo Purificacion, the Armed Forces spokesperson.

Military officials said none of the four women hostages had been sighted during the encounter. *Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau, and TJ Burgonio, Metro Manila with a report from AFP*



TWO-YEAR-OLD Aziz Hassan lies on the wooden floor at the Tanah Merah detention camp in Sandakan, Malaysia, Saturday.

AP

KL not deporting sick Pinoy kid

SANDAKAN, Malaysia—Malaysia gave assurances Saturday that a chronically sick toddler will not be deported to the Philippines under a mass expulsion of illegal immigrants until doctors certify he is healthy.

The promise comes two weeks after the reported deaths of three deported children caused an uproar in the Philippines and led to friction between the two countries.

Aziz Hassan, 2, lay listlessly Saturday on the floor of the women's compound at the detention center in Sandakan, where thousands of Filipinos have been held in recent weeks before being sent on an 18-hour journey to Zamboanga City.

His seven-year-old sister, Marly, pushed syringes past his half-blackened teeth to give him water. The boy's skinny legs and grayish color attested to what his mother, Nora, 30, said had been a sickly life.

Their father has already been deported since Malaysia started a roundup of illegal immigrants a month ago. *AP*

Gloria vows justice for abused Filipinos

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday vowed to seek justice for Filipinos who have been abused in Malaysia, pledging to "to comfort them in their despair," as she set out an eight-point strategy to address the problem of thousands of Filipino returnees from Sabah.

In her weekly radio address, the President also urged the public to unite to help the thousands of Filipinos returning from Malaysia after a crackdown on illegal immigrants.

She said she had acted quickly on reports that a 13-year-old Filipino girl had been sexually abused at one of the Malaysian detention centers.

But she refrained from blaming the Malaysian government for the situation and praised Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad for calling a moratorium on the deportations.

In Kuala Lumpur, Malaysian police have set up a task force to investigate the alleged rape of the 13-year-old girl, the New Straits Times newspaper reported.

The chief of the Criminal Investigation Department, Salleh Mat Som, said the task force would be assisted by Interpol.

"We would like to conduct a thorough investigation with the help of the Philippine police," Salleh said.

"It is important that the whole nation unites on this issue," Ms Macapagal said, recalling that she and Congress leaders on Friday outlined a strategy to help the deportees.

She said the country should focus on "how to protect the returnees and the remaining Filipinos in Sabah while seeking justice for the abuses they endured."

This would include the Department of Foreign Affairs compiling more testimonies from the victims of abuse for a possible legal complaint to be filed in Malaysia, she said.

The Philippine consular office will also ask to be allowed to visit the detention centers to provide legal assistance to the deportees while the DFA asks Malaysia to improve the conditions at the centers.

The President said the government would also work to ensure that more Filipinos could legally find work in Malaysia, including by seeking labor agreements "more beneficial to our countrymen."

The DFA will help some deportees get the proper documents "so they can obtain work permits so they can return" to Malaysia, she said.

Thousands of Filipino illegal migrants have been leaving the Malaysian state of Sabah in recent weeks due to a Malaysian crackdown on illegal migrants.

Reports of maltreatment of the deportees have stirred outrage in the country, prompting some legislators to call for the revival of a dormant Philippine claim to Sabah. *Carlito Pablo and AFP*

CEBUPACIFIC BEST HONGKONG PROMOTION EVER
$165 (4D/3N) VALID UNTIL SEPT. 13 DEPARTURE
2N in HKG + 1N (Shenzhen)
Choose from any of these hotels! Enjoy our one of a kind packages
Royal Pacific, Park, Kowloon E., Grand Tower, Stanford HVW, Stanford HKG, Evergreen, + Gold Hotel (Shenzhen)
or Forum Hotel (a 5-star Intercontinental hotel in Shenzhen)
Full Board: 3 breakfast, 2 lunch and 3 dinner
Departure Dates: Daily dep. until Sept. 13
FOR AS LOW AS $204 EVERGREEN HOTEL W/ DAILY CHINESE BUFFET BREAKFAST or GOODRICH HOTEL DAILY SET WESTERN / CHINESE BREAKFAST
SINGAPORE $279 OCTOBER DEPARTURE
SEOUL $499
EUROPEAN TREASURES $1,638 17D / EUROPE TOUR
We're also Open every Sunday from 9:00am to 3:00pm
RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE W/O PRIOR NOTICE. ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED
Queries pls. text to our NEW # (0918)349-8685
WINLINK TRAVEL SERVICES, INC. IATA PTAA PIATA
G/F & 2/F. CDC Bldg., 1195 Ma. Orosa St., Ermita, Manila
Tel. (632) 525-6306 • 522-5446 • 522-7738 • 525-5363 • 400-0718 • 404-1231 • 404-1249 • 526-1523 • 526-0487 Fax.: (632) 524-5869 • (632) 526-2201 e-mail:winlink@mydestiny.net
Provincial Booking Agents Ilo-ilo : (033) 336-0200, 337-9492, 500-6841, 500-6827
Davao : (082) 227-1657, 221-8177 / 1729

COLOR SEPARATION from your Mac/PC file!
ONLY P888 LETTER SIZE WITH PROOF
CALL US AT 7210383
PREPRESS STATION
Realty Investment Bldg., 195 EDSA (near Ortigas Ave.), Mandaluyong City

WHY PAY MORE?
FREE DOMAIN NAME (WWW.YOURNAME.COM)
100 MB WEB SPACE, 100 EMAIL ADDRESS
COMPLETE CORPORATE WEB SITE PACKAGE WITH GUEST BOOK, ONLINE BOOKING & ORDER FORMS
FREE TRAINING ON WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT
NO SETUP FEES! P1,000/MONTH HOSTING FEE
VISIT WWW.B2CPHILIPPINES.COM
CALL (632) 443-3092 & (0917) 445-9295

How's Your HEARING? ASK YOUR Audiologist!
Hearing loss may occur so gradually that one may not be aware that it is happening. Ask your audiologist for a comprehensive hearing evaluation.

NELLY R. LEDESMA, Ph.D.
Fellow American Academy of Audiology
Today's way to hear is simply digital
Bravo
WIDEX
Features Included:
☑ 100% Digital
☑ Speech Enhancement
☑ Auto Mic Noise Reduction
☑ CD Quality Sound Processing
☑ Completely Automatic
☑ Low Battery Beep Tone Indicator
Senso (Completely-in the-Canal)
Completely Digital
Completely Hidden
Completely Automatic
The Smallest Hearing Aid in the World
Senso CIC+
WIDEX high definition hearing
The World leader in 100% Digital Hearing Technology
LEDESMA AUDIOLOGICAL CENTER, INC.
The Nation's Largest Hearing Aid Sales Center
MANILA 2nd Floor, Harrison Plaza Tel. Nos. (02) 525-5579 (02) 525-0262 (Open on Sundays)
CALOOCAN D-7&8, 3rd Floor Ever Gotesco Grand Central Tel. Nos. (02) 363-3538 (02) 3665741 (Open on Sundays)
ILOILO Rm. 205, 2nd Floor, Marymart Bldg. Valeria Street Tel No. (033) 335-1213
MAKATI Lower Level, Makati Cinema Square Pasong Tamo, Makati City Tel. Nos. (02) 818-8564 (02) 811-1830; (02) 811-1721 Fax: (02) 811-1255
CEBU Ground Floor, GMT Bldg. P. del Rosario & Junquera Sts. Tel. Nos. (032) 254-7761 (032) 255-0419
CAGAYAN H & J Palad Bldg. Corrales Avenue Tel. No. (08822) 723-789
DAVAO Ponciano Reyes St. (Across Monteverde Central School) Tel No. (082) 277-1452
LEGASPI Rm 101, Level 1 Ago Gen. Hospital Founders Bldg. Rizal St. Tel No. (052) 481-1092
CUBAO 2nd Floor, Ali Mall II Tel. Nos. (02) 911-1838 (02) 913-1516 (Open on Sundays)
BAGUIO 3rd Floor, Anita Theresa Bldg. Session Road Tel. No. (074) 442-2199
E-mail us at: laci@ledesma.com.ph website: www.ledesma.com.ph

ATTN: LOT OWNERS!!!
BUILD A HOME for only P395TH
NO DOWNPAYMENT!!!
ONLY P5,100 MONTHLY
• First Class Finishes • Choose from several models
For more information, please contact
J.A.O. BUILDERS & DEV'T. CORP.
(Monday-Saturday) 410-7989 / 410-7995 / 410-8003 926-0989 / 926-0992
(Sunday) 283-1691
Email jaobuilders@yahoo.com
And for other services WE CONSTRUCT
• Budget Houses
• First Class Residential
• Townhouse / Apartment
• Commercial Buildings
• WE GIVE COMMISSION ON REFERRALS
FREE DESIGN & ESTIMATE

CADD & Computer-Aided ENGINEERING
MAKE YOUR DESIGN, DRAFTING, ESTIMATE & PROJECT PLANNING COMPUTERIZED.
COURSES: CADD & 3D
AutoCAD 2002 (Basic, Advance, 3D)
M-F, 8-12nn, Sep 9-Sep 27 / M-F, 8-12nn Sep 23-Oct 11
M-F 1-6pm, Sep 16-Oct 1 / M-F, 1-6pm, Sep 30-Oct 15
Sat 1-7pm Sep 7-Nov 9 / Sun, 1-7pm, Sep 15-Nov 17
3D Studio Max
M-F, 1-6pm, Sep 16-Sep 27/ Sat, 1-7:30pm, Sep 7-Oct.12
MicroStation J
M-F 1-6pm, Oct 2-Oct 11 / Sat, 1-7:30pm, Oct 5-Nov 9
SolidBuilder 2002* M-S 8-1pm Oct 7-Sep 12
COMPUTER-AIDED ENGINEERING
Computer-Aided Const'n Proj Mngt
M-F 8-1pm Sep 30-Oct 5 / Sun 8-1pm Sep 15-Oct 20
Computer-Aided Structural Design
Sat 1-6pm Sep 7-Oct 12 / Sat 1-6pm Oct 19-Nov 23
Computer-Aided Cost Estimates
Sun 2-7pm Sep 15-Oct 20 / Sun, 2-7pm Nov 3-Dec 8
Computer-Aided HVAC Design
Sun 8-1pm Oct 20-Dec 1 / Sun 8-1pm Dec 15-Jan 26
Computer-Aided Sprinkler Sys Design
Tutorial only -- Call for schedule
OTHER also available CADD Plotting
MS Office 2002
Sat 1-6pm Oct 5-Nov 9 / M-S, 8-1pm Sep 16-Sep 21
Adobe Photoshop M-S 8-1pm Sep 16-Sep 21
CADVision Engineering Technologies
2/F Manila Cinema Bldg, 1955 CM Recto Ave, corner Morayta, Manila Tel. 736-60-51 & 52
AUTHORIZED TRAINING CENTER* EAGLE POINT™, USA

Pinakamagandang REGALO sa PASKO
As seen on TV sa GMA Extra Extra Channel 7
Bawal magtipid!!!
NAGKAKAHAWA-HAWA NA ANG SWERTE
(Goodluck sa Negosyo, trabaho, Pag-ibig, Swerte sa LOTTO, Bingo, Atbp.)
2x NANALO sa LOTTO taga Batangas.
NANALO sa SUPPERLOTTO P28,000 at P20,000 sa 6/42 draw pagkabili ng LUCKY PYRAMID Pagkapalit ng mas malaking Pyramid NANALO
LADY from Sto. Tomas Batangas
LUCKY PYRAMID & Wishing Plant (pampa-UNLAD NG BUHAY)
Visit us at: JC HERBAL CENTER
2665 Nat'l, Hi-way, Anos Los Banos, Laguna (Across Mitz Buko Pie)
Call Tels: (049)8270767; Telefax(049)5366000
Cells:0917-9461917; 0919-3422861; 0916-8492550; 0920-2295914; 0920-2294830;
For more Infowrite to:
Engr.Margie Centeno. P.O. Box 34521 UP College 4031 Los Banos, Laguna or E-mail. lucky_pyramid@yahoo.com
Engr. MARGIE D. CENTENO
Bayan Shell Gas Station Mitz Buko Pie TO CALANBA Bet.61 & 62kms. TO UPLB
OFFICE HOURS 8AM-5PM Mon-Sat 8AM-3PM-Sunday
Cut & Bring this AD for your FREE LOTTO & BINGO (CIRCLE 6) Tips.

UNITED DOCTORS MEDICAL CENTER
A Socially Oriented Health Care Institution, designed to provide excellent and efficient medical service, now opens its application for Fully Accredited Residency Training Program in the following field of specialty:
1. INTERNAL MEDICINE
2. GENERAL SURGERY
3. GENERAL PEDIATRICS
4. OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY
5. ANESTHESIOLOGY
6. OPTHALMOLOGY
7. PATHOLOGY
8. RADIOLOGICAL SCIENCE & IMAGING
Interested applicants may submit their application forms and resumé to the Office of the Postgraduate Training for Medical Education and Research at Room 410 or at the Executive Office, 8th floor, UDMC. For more information, please call 712-36-40 loc. 160/ 634 or 740-78-18 or 711-35-32.

Lina, Reyes 'divide' Mindanao

By Carlito Pablo

PRESIDENT Macapagal yesterday convened a joint command conference with top officials of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police in Malacañang in preparation for a renewed campaign against communist rebels.

Dubbed "AFP-PNP Conference on Operations against the Local Communist Movement," the meeting also saw the signing of guidelines that divided the whole of Mindanao into two areas of operations.

Interior Secretary Jose Lina is in charge of all military and police forces in Northeastern Mindanao, where the Communist Party of the Philippines and its armed wing, the New People's Army, are active.

This covers the provinces of Bukidnon, Camiguin, Misamis Occidental, Misamis Oriental, Compostela Valley, Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, Davao Oriental, Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Norte and Surigao del Sur.

Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes will oversee 'Southwestern Mindanao, where the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, remnants of the Moro National Liberation Front, the Abu Sayyaf and the Pentagon Gang, are operating.

This includes Lanao del Sur, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Maguindanao, Basilan, Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga Sibugay, Isabela City, Lanao del Norte, North Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani province, South Cotabato and General Santos City.

Later in the afternoon, Lina assured reporters in a press briefing that the conference had not been prompted by any immediate security threat. He said the meeting had merely sought "to find out what needs to be done in the next few months."

In the same press briefing, PNP Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. said military and police officials also tackled a delineation of responsibility with regards to the security of vital installations, particularly power transmission lines.

Buying a car? Real Estate opportunity buys? Liquidate your loans?
Have Instant Cash, Right Now!

Sell your Diamonds to the Specialist

Right Appraisal Right Price

JOAILLIER
Fine Jewelry

CASH

CASH PAID INSTANTLY
Buying Diamonds - 2 carats to 50 carats or bigger
Preferably Round, Emerald or Old Miner's (Antigo) Cut
Monday to Saturday, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
Ground Floor Dusit Hotel Nikko, Ayala Center, Makati City
Tel. Nos. 817-8855 / 815-3191

To make really light bikes,
we shaved off a few thousand pesos.

FULL ALLOY BIKE
- Full alloy frame and rim
- Full disc brake system
- Downhill front suspension shocks
- Shimano 2002 altus shifter
- Available in 21 and 24 speed
- FREE BOTTLE HOLDER and MUD GUARD
- FREE BACKPACK W/ PROVISION FOR WATER BAG

Now: P14,500
Before: P18,000

Promo period is from Sept. 1-30, 2002

store shop
outdoor Lifestyle Company

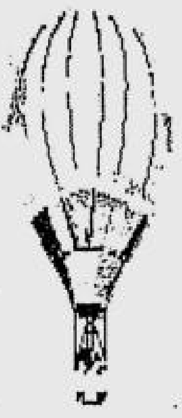
For inquiries call 374-1666 / 372-4484
AYALA MALLS Park Square 1: 892-2216 • Ayala Center Cebu: (032) 233-6796 • ROBINSONS MALLS Robinsons Galleria: 635-4733 • Robinsons Place Imus: (046) 875-3149 • Robinsons Town Mall: (049) 827-0631 • SM MALLS SM Fairview: 417-6360 • SM Super Center Sucat: 820-9525 • SM City Bacoor: (046) 970-8063 • SM City Iloilo: (033) 320-2045 • ALABANG Festival Super Mall: 850-3769 • BINAN Pavillion Mall: (049) 411-5073 • CABANATUAN NE Pacific Mall: (044) 464-0139 • LIPA Fiesta World Mall: (043) 404-0093 • URDANETA Magic Mall: (075) 568-3664

9 Humanessence
MEN & WOMEN
SPA
LOUNGE • MINI BAR • CAR PARK

Get a **FULL BODY MASSAGE & SAUNA**
For a **PROMO PRICE** of

₱295

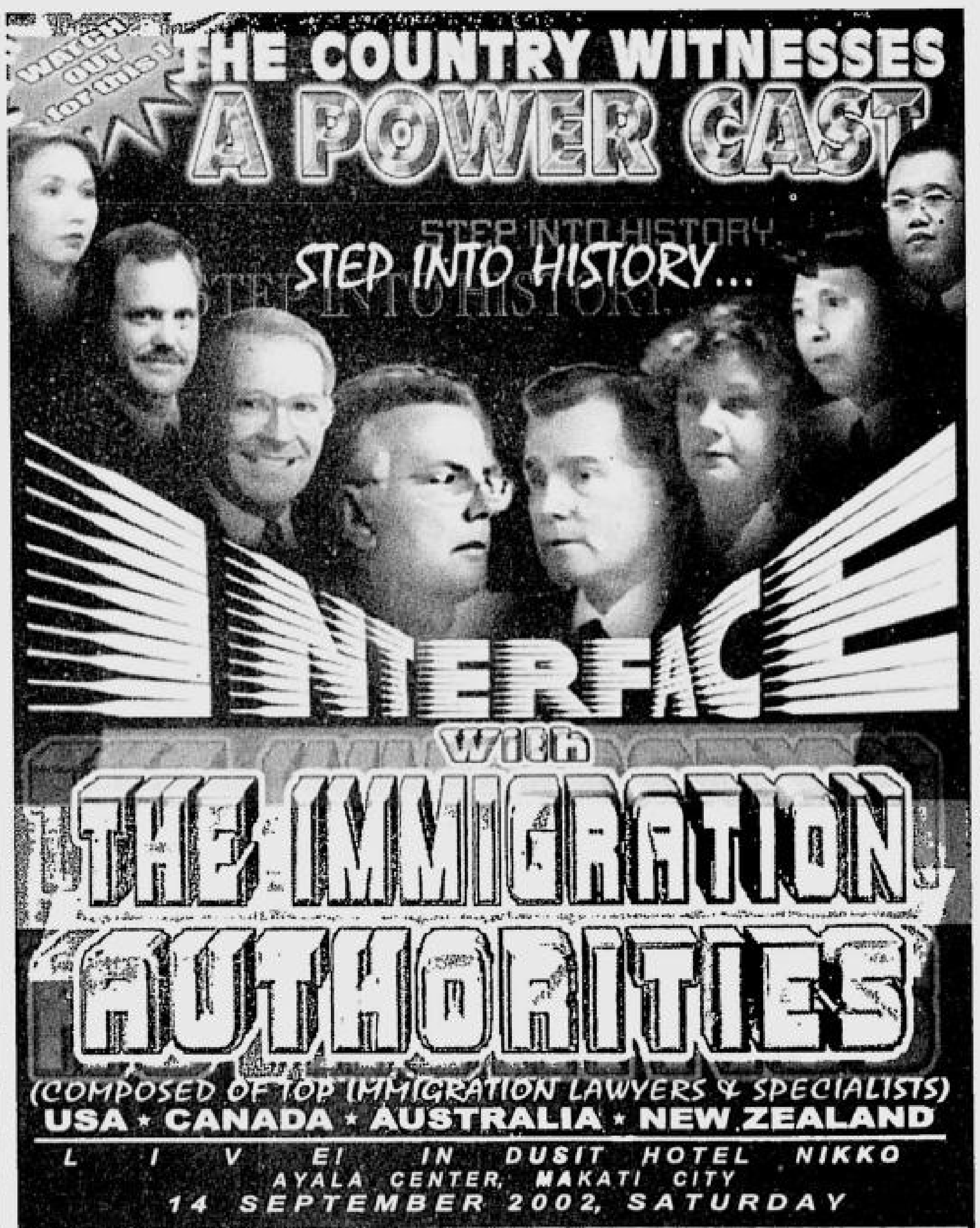
- MON - SUN, 1PM to 2AM
3RD FLR. PACIFIC CORPORATE CENTER
131 WEST AVE., QC. (NEAR SM CITY NORTH, BESIDE CALTEX)
TEL. NO. 375-1824



Get your career off the ground.

JOB MARKET

Now on-line at
www.jobmarket.com.ph



(COMPOSED OF TOP IMMIGRATION LAWYERS & SPECIALISTS)
USA • CANADA • AUSTRALIA • NEW ZEALAND
LIVE! IN DUSIT HOTEL NIKKO
AYALA CENTER, MAKATI CITY
14 SEPTEMBER 2002, SATURDAY

SPONSORED BY:
INS HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
CNN
MANILA BULLETIN
THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

TOPICS
- Latest immigration programs & policies of each country
- Immigration outlook, plans & levels for 2002.
- Successful formula to LIVE, WORK, STUDY, DO BUSINESS LEGALLY and PROSPER ABROAD!
- Discover the best, economical, efficient, fastest, surest way to immigrate to each country and eventually be a citizen
- Linking Filipinos to immigration opportunities abroad!
- Pitfalls of immigration revealed!
- Proper immigration and documentation advice for an APPROVED CASE
- Know the benefits, privileges and rights of immigrants
- The path to career advancement and breaks abroad
- How to appeal and fight denied cases for reconsideration
- Various visa options / categories available
- Tourist Visas: How to go about a successful application
- All your visa concerns addressed by the IMMIGRATION EXPERTS
- AVAIL OF ONE ON ONE FREE CONSULTATION

MANILA SEMINAR DETAILS
AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND IMMIGRATION: 10:00 AM
LIVE-IN CAREGIVER PROGRAM: 12:00 NN
U.S.A. IMMIGRATION: 2:00 PM
CANADIAN IMMIGRATION: 4:00 PM
FEES PER IMMIGRATION SEMINAR: PRE-PAID: P 750 WALK-IN: P 1,000 (Fees inclusive of materials and snacks)

PROVINCIAL SEMINAR DETAILS
ILOILO on SEPT. 18, 2002 (WED) @ DAYS HOTEL ATRIUM AT THE CAPITOL COR. GEN. LUNA-BONIFACIO DRIVE CALL INS [illegible]
CEBU on SEPT. 19, 2002 (THUR) @ GARWOOD PARK HOTEL (FORMER PARK PLACE HOTEL) FUENTE OSMEÑA BLVD. CALL INS [illegible]
DAVAO on SEPT. 20, 2002 (FRI) @ THE APO VIEW HOTEL J. CAMUS ST. DAVAO CITY CALL INS [illegible]
BAGUIO on SEPT. 22, 2002 (SUN) @ CONCORDE HOTEL, EUROPA CENTER LEGARDA RD. CALL MELCHOR [illegible]
CAGAYAN DE ORO on SEPT. 25, 2002 (WED) @ THE DYNASTY COURT HOTEL, TIANO-HAYES STS. CALL INS [illegible]
LAOAG CITY on SEPT. 28, 2002 (SAT) @ PALAZZO DE LAOAG HOTEL VINTAR RD. CALL INS [illegible]

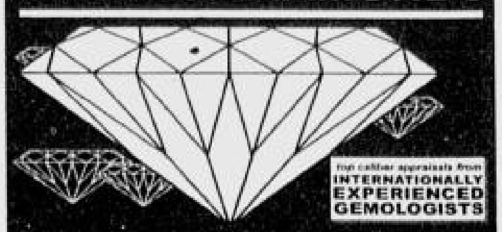
FIND OUT IF YOUR QUALIFICATIONS MEET THE CRITERIA FOR IMMIGRATION

INS
IMMIGRATION NETWORK SERVICES INC.
IMMIGRATION SPECIALISTS
HURRY REGISTER NOW!!!
FOR MORE DETAILS, CALL INS SECRETARIAT AT
(02) 891-5686 to 89 / 891-5920/ 0917-8328702
E-mail: ins@qinet.net Website: www.ins-global.com
INS HEAD OFFICE RM 402-B VICENTE MADRIGAL BLDG. 6793 AYALA AVE MAKATI CITY
BIG DISCOUNTS FOR EARLY REGISTRANTS & ALL FOUR (4) SEMINAR REGISTRANTS / ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

ROLEX
& OTHER PRE-OWNED SWISS WATCHES
BUY+SELL+PAWN+REPAIR

BUY NOW AND BEAT THE PRICE RISE!
2-YR GENUINE SERVICE WARRANTY!
MANILA WATCH EXCHANGE
HYATT (9am-9pm)
8040484 * 8342886
* 8331234 loc. 81415
Not an authorized Rolex Retailer or Service center

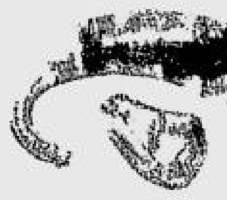
NIBOR
CASH for DIAMONDS



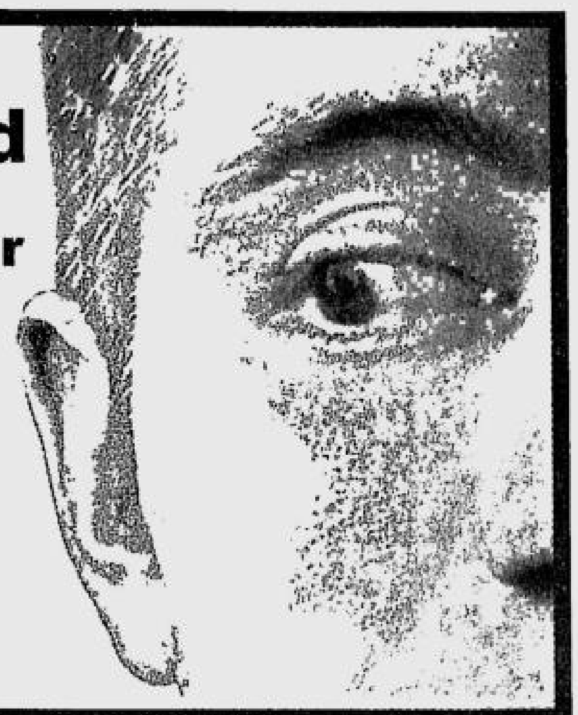
top caliber appraisals from INTERNATIONALLY EXPERIENCED GEMOLOGISTS
- **INSTANT CASH** *for diamonds 3 carat & above. We also buy OLD CUT diamonds.*
- **REIMBURSEMENT of TRAVEL EXPENSES** *of out of town sellers if sale is consummated.*
- **REDEMPTION ASSISTANCE** *of jewelries and diamonds from pawnshops & banks.*

ALL TRANSACTIONS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL
Tel.: 726-4749 • Mobile: (0917) 536-2456
Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm
CENTRAL BUILDING, 37 Arayat St., Cubao, Quezon City

The hearing aid that works like your BRAIN.



adapto™

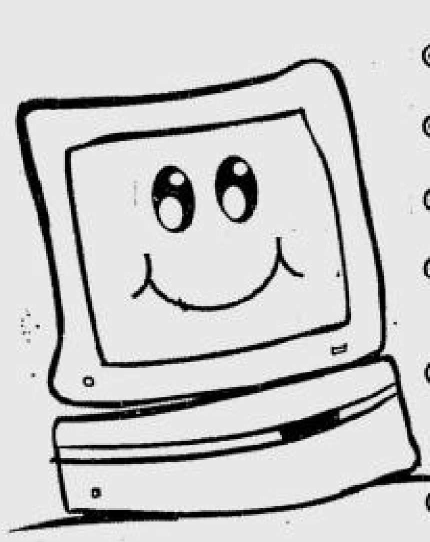


Introducing *adapto*™, the first hearing aid with **VoiceFinder**, a mechanism that detects speech when it is present around you. It focuses on the speech signals in noisy surroundings and enhances these for maximum clarity. This process ensures that you get as much out of the conversation as possible. And when no speech is present, the VoiceFinder automatically tunes out surrounding noise and saves you from unnecessary annoyance. Come and visit us to know more about how this innovative product can help you and your loved ones.

MANILA HEARING AID CENTER
PROVIDING YOU WITH THE LATEST AND THE MOST COMPLETE IN HEARING AID TECHNOLOGY SINCE 1976
QUEZON CITY 24 Quezon Ave 712-3630/ 712-3623, **CUBAO** G/F Rustan's Superstore (infront of Fiesta Carnival beside Chinabank) 911-1528, **MAKATI** 3/F Mercury Drug, Glorietta III 817-2756/ 894-3498, **TAFT** 4/F Manila Astral Tower, Taft Ave cor. Padre Faura 521-5726, **SM MEGAMALL** 5/F Building A 633-6039, **SM CITY** Lower Ground, Annex Bldg. and *NOW OPEN!* **FEU-NRMF HOSPITAL** 4/F Regalado Ave., West Fairview 427-0213 loc. 5016
www.manilahearingaid.com.ph
MORE THAN 27 YEARS OF SERVICE

Explore PC-AID

PC-AID Computer Repairs and Upgrade is now open for franchise.
With your small capital, you can have quick returns!
Invest now and avail of these sound franchise perks:



- TRADE AND CUSTOMER SUPPORT
- STRONG BRAND RECALL
- FULL MARKETING SUPPORT
- EXTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM
- FIELD SERVICE SUPPORT FOR MERCHANDISING
- COMPREHENSIVE MANUAL ON SHOP OPERATIONS, PARTS PURCHASE AND INVENTORY CONTROL
- PERIODIC BUSINESS EVALUATION
- ONGOING SHOP OPERATIONS SUPPORT

Want to know more?

Mr. Peter Mendoza (Asst. Vice President-Franchise) Mobile No. 0916-611-3375

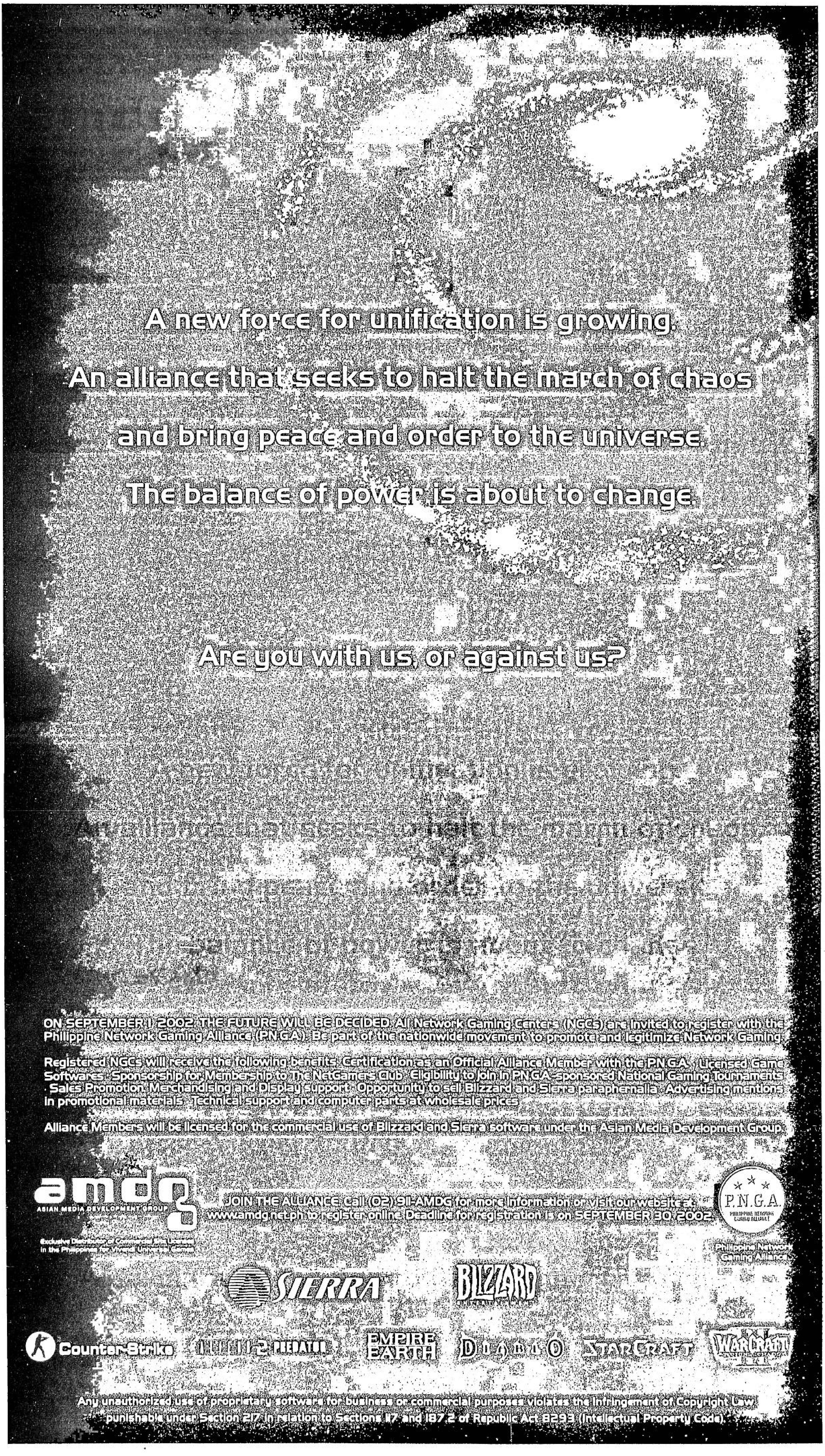
FRANCHISE CONSULTANTS:
Ms. Giddeth Gener - Mobile No. 0916-8236888
Trunk Line: 687-5165 loc. 210, 211, 212, 213 • Telefax: 638-9267
E-mail: franchise@acavideo.ph

OFFICE ADDRESS:
Rm. 2303A Tektite West Tower Phil. Stock Exchange Center, Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City

SAINT IGNATIUS # 129 Katipunan Road Brgy. Saint Ignatius Q.C. **ANONAS** #960 E. Aurora Blvd. Cor. Anonas Rd., Cubao, Q.C. **BF PRAÑAQUE** #23 E. Cristobel Bldg., President Ave., BF Homes Parañaque **STA. ROSA** Sta. Rosa Commercial Complex Balibago Sta. Rosa, Laguna **ILOILO CITY** c/o Prime Photo Express 58-1-10 Iznart, Iloilo City **ZAPOTE** Rubetan Bldg., 3 # 88 Zapote rd., Las Piñas **EDSA KAMIAS** #46 C. Kamias Road EDSA Q.C. **DEL MONTE** # 403 Del Monte Ave., Q.C. **DAVAO CITY** Door 3, Luat Bldg. Mc Arthur Hi-way Matina, Davao City, **SOON TO OPEN BRANCHES: TIMOG, MAKATI, GREENHILLS, MARIKINA, FAIRVIEW**

We're Nationwide & Still Growing!

GET A FRANCHISE NOW!
PC-Aid
COMPUTER REPAIRS & UPGRADE



A new force for unification is growing.

An alliance that seeks to halt the march of chaos

and bring peace and order to the universe.

The balance of power is about to change.

Are you with us, or against us?

ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2002, THE FUTURE WILL BE DECIDED. All Network Gaming Centers (NGCs) are invited to register with the Philippine Network Gaming Alliance (P.N.G.A.). Be part of the nationwide movement to promote and legitimize Network Gaming.

Registered NGCs will receive the following benefits: Certification as an Official Alliance Member with the P.N.G.A. · Licensed Game Softwares · Sponsorship for Membership to The NetGamers Club · Eligibility to join in P.N.G.A.-sponsored National Gaming Tournaments · Sales Promotion, Merchandising and Display support · Opportunity to sell Blizzard and Sierra paraphernalia · Advertising mentions in promotional materials · Technical support and computer parts at wholesale prices

Alliance Members will be licensed for the commercial use of Blizzard and Sierra software under the Asian Media Development Group.

JOIN THE ALLIANCE. Call (02) 911-AMDG for more information or visit our website at www.amdg.net.ph to register online. Deadline for registration is on SEPTEMBER 30, 2002.

Any unauthorized use of proprietary software for business or commercial purposes violates the Infringement of Copyright Law punishable under Section 217 in relation to Sections 117 and 187.2 of Republic Act 8293 (Intellectual Property Code).

amdg
ASIAN MEDIA DEVELOPMENT GROUP
Exclusive Distributor of Commercial Site Licenses in the Philippines for Vivendi Universal Games
P.N.G.A.
PHILIPPINE NETWORK GAMING ALLIANCE
Philippine Network Gaming Alliance
SIERRA
BLIZZARD
Counter-Strike
ALIENS 2 PREDATOR
EMPIRE EARTH
DIABLO
STARCRAFT
WARCRAFT III

Pinoy with iron bar goes on rampage in Swiss village; 14 hurt

ZURICH, Switzerland—A 32-year-old man from the Philippines went on a rampage with an iron bar in a small Swiss village on Friday—beating elderly women and children at random and ramming his car into a cyclist before he was arrested on a bus.

Fourteen people were hospitalized as a result of the attacks near the Swiss financial capital.

A three-year-old boy was in critical but stable condition after the man tried to smash his head.

A 69-year-old man who rushed to help was also in intensive care, while the boy's 57-year-old grandmother was hospitalized with slightly lesser injuries, a police statement said.

The attacks were rare in low-crime Switzerland.

The Filipino—whose name was not immediately released—drove to a house in the village of Obfelden at around 2:30 p.m. to look for his sister, who lived there.

He punched a female resident in the face when she didn't know the sister's whereabouts.

He then ran through the streets hitting people with his iron bar, police said.

After beating the boy and his grandmother and the elderly man who tried to help, the assailant drove his car into a cyclist and ran into a village cafe to attack another woman.

He attacked three elderly women in front of the cafe before storming onto a bus and beating passengers at random.

The bus driver and some of the passengers overpowered him and strapped him to the seat. *AP*

May Choice Plans na swak sa budget!

"With DIGITEL Choice Plans, kayang kaya ang rates ng DIGITEL. Sulit every minute ang tawag kaya ang laking advantage sa business!"
KAREN GABRIEL
Businesswoman
Meycauayan, Bulacan
DIGITEL subscriber since 2000

"Pinili ko yung Choice Plan na hindi masakit sa bulsa!"
LAURA CASUGA
Housewife
San Fernando, La Union
DIGITEL subscriber since 1998

"For my businesses, we use more than one telephone line. At dahil sa Choice Plans, napakababa ng aming monthly!"
JAIME ARZADON
Digital PCO Proprietor
San Fernando City, La Union
DIGITEL subscriber since 2001

One rate for Business and Residential!

"Ang natitipid namin sa aming business line, dagdag puhunan sa negosyo!"
CRISPIN MAGSOMBOL
Businessman
Lipa City, Batangas
DIGITEL subscriber since 1999

"DIGITEL provides service that is suitable to my needs! At dahil kasing mura ng residential ang business, laking tulong sa negosyo!"
ATTY. CLEMARTIN ARBOLEDA
Lawyer/Businessman
Urdaneta, Pangasinan
DIGITEL subscriber since 1993

"It's really practical that we have DIGITEL connection in the office as well as at home as many municipalities in Bulacan are covered by DIGITEL. It has allowed us to reach our constituents and clients!"
GOV. JOSIE DELA CRUZ
Governor–Province of Bulacan
DIGITEL subscriber since 1995

Mababa ang NDD Rates!

"We have trained our staff to use DIGITEL whenever possible. Because of DIGITEL's PAKIKISAMA rates, we are not charged long distance for calls we make anywhere in Ilocos Norte and even in Ilocos Sur."
POMPEYO CRISOLOGO
Businessman
Laoag, Ilocos Norte
DIGITEL subscriber since 1993

"Because of DIGITEL's wide coverage and low NDD Pakikisama rates, I am able to communicate with my business partners, clients and civic organizations!"
DR. MARIANO T. LIM
Businessman
Ilagan, Isabela
DIGITEL subscriber since 1995

Personal, maaasahan ang customer service!

"DIGITEL is highly responsive. Customers feel important and that makes DIGITEL's service personal and unique!"
CONSUL EDUARDO L. DE GUZMAN
De Guzman Group of Companies
Balanga, Bataan
DIGITEL subscriber since 1995

"DIGITEL is communications at its best. What impressed me most about DIGITEL is the attention they give to their customers!"
CONG. LORNA SILVERIO
Bulacan Congresswoman, 3rd District
San Rafael, Bulacan
DIGITEL subscriber since 2001

"DIGITEL's office staff and service technicians are courteous and respond fast. The service is definitely worth recommending to other people!"
ATTY. ALFREDO DIRIGE
City Councilor
Santiago City, Isabela
DIGITEL subscriber since 1993

Internet-Ready ang phones!

"Very efficient ang phone, internet and fax services ng DIGITEL, lalo na in sending quotations and receiving orders from customers!"
ADELINA DAVID
Sun Yorkos Industries, Phils,
Victoria, Tarlac
DIGITEL subscriber since 2001

"Because it has the best telephone facility in the locality, DIGITEL helped us expand our IT business in Angeles."
FILOMENO D. CUSI, Jr.
TriAsia.net
Angeles City, Pampanga
DIGITEL subscriber since 1998

"Mabilis ang internet service ng DIGITEL kaya ito ang ginagamit ko!"
ARMANDO FAMINI
Branch Manager, Republic Asahi
Lipa City, Batangas
DIGITEL subscriber since 1999

Over 400,000 DIGITEL Subscribers
Ang Laki Ng Pakinabang Sa

THE GREAT DIGITEL ADVANTAGE

Lahat ng hanap ng mga taga-Luzon sa telepono, naibibigay ng DIGITEL. Kaya naman ang DIGITEL ang pinakamalaking telephone service company sa Luzon sa labas ng Metro Manila. Kung advanced features, affordable & customized rates, at responsableng customer service ang pag-uusapan, talagang tiwala at bilib ang mga taga-Luzon sa DIGITEL.

DIGITEL
Digital Telecommunications Phils., Inc.
Giving Voice To Luzon.

The Beetles are back.

Beetle lovers rejoice! The New Beetle 1.6 A/T at a special introductory price of **P1.395 M** only.

Authorized Dealers: AUTOSTADT Philippines Corp. 2304 Pasong Tamo Ext., Makati City Tel Nos.: 888-6561, 888-6562, 888-6550, 886-6553 Fax: 817-1019 • Auto Prominence CEBU: 38 Gorordo Ave., Cebu City. Tel. (032) 233-3568 TeleFax 233-5733

EUGENIA D. APOSTOL
Founding Chairman

INQUIRER
Vol. 17 No. 272
ISSN 0116-2642

OPINION

email: feedback inquirer.com.ph website: http://www.inq7.net

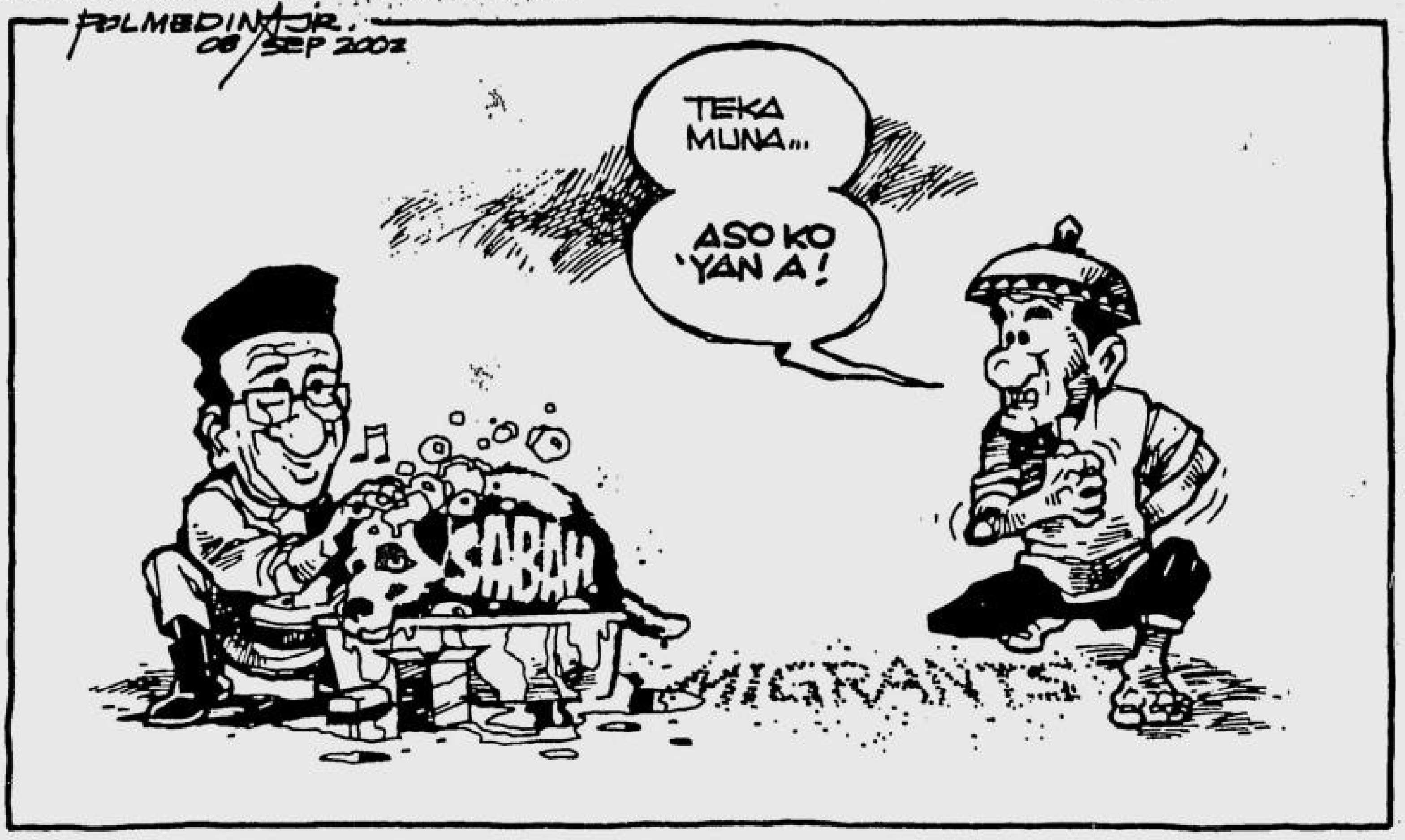
THE PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER, INC. has its business and editorial offices at
•Chino Roces Ave corner Yague and Mascardo Sts., Makati City
•P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City
•Our telephone numbers are 897-8808 connecting all departments
•Editoral Fax 897-4793 / 897-4794 •Advertising 897-4807
•Circulation 527-3342 / 527-3348 / 528-0183 / 528-0186 and 528-0213 / Fax: 528-02-34.

100% soy ink

Publisher **ISAGANI YAMBOT**
Editor in Chief **LETTY JIMENEZ-MAGSANOC**
Managing Editor **JOSE MA. D. NOLASCO**
Associate Editor **ABELARDO S. ULANDAY**
News Editor **ARTEMIO T. ENGRACIA JR.**
Opinion Editor **JORGE V. ARUTA**
Assistant News Editor **NILO B. PAUROM**
National Editor **PERGENTINO B. BANDAYREL JR.**
City Editor **GERRY LIRIO**
Senior Desk Editor **ROSARIO A. GARCELLANO**
Editorial Consultant **AMANDO DORONILA**
Chief Photographer **ERNIE U. SARMIENTO**
Art & Design Director **LYNETT A. VILLARIBA**

Board Chairman **MARIXI R. PRIETO**
President **ALEXANDRA PRIETO-ROMUALDEZ**
Senior Vice President for Sales and Marketing **RENATO R. REINOSO**
Senior Vice President for Corporate Services **DAVID O. VALDES**
VP for Advertising **FELIPE R. OLARTE**
AVP for Circulation **GLORIA P. LARDIZABAL**

All rights reserved. Subject to the conditions provided for by law, no article or photograph published by the Philippine Daily Inquirer may be reprinted or reproduced, in whole or in part, without its prior consent.


POLMEDIN JR.
08/SEP 2002
TEKA MUNA...
ASO KO 'YAN A!
SABAH
MIGRANTS

EDITORIALS

Pessimists

THE REPORT that came out at the end of August was unequivocal: "Powered by rising manufacturing output, the Philippine economy grew in the second quarter of 2002 at its fastest pace in five years."

According to the National Economic Development Authority, the gross domestic product (GDP), which measures the economy's total output, grew by 4.5 percent from a year ago—significantly higher than the already high forecast of 3.9 percent set by government and business planners. The response from the market, however, was at best ambiguous. The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index closed 0.3 percent lower at 1,105.96 points, while the peso rose to a 10-day high of 51.74 to the dollar.

A stockbroker, speaking about other stock market investors, belabored the obvious. "They don't believe in the GDP numbers," he said. "Before, when the GDP was rising, everybody felt it. Now, it's just the consumer companies."

The main reason for the almost official pessimism, if cocktail-circuit talk in the country's banking and financial circles is any indication, is the government's growing budget deficit. The full-year target is P130 billion, but the gap between government spending and government income widened to P133 billion in the first seven months of the year alone. As anyone who has ever tried to balance a household budget can attest, this can only be bridged through more borrowing—not an encouraging prospect, for an economy already weighed down by debt.

The deficit worries are compounded by concerns about American economic performance. In presenting the latest GDP data, Neda Secretary-General Dante Canlas admitted that weaker US performance in the second half of the year was indeed a "downside risk" to the Philippines. He added, however, that he did not expect the US economy to slide back into recession in the coming months.

But in Singapore, an analyst reviewing the same projections said bluntly: "We do not think (the Philippine economy can sustain this pace of growth)."

Optimists

A 4.5-PERCENT growth rate may not ultimately be sustainable, but what of it? We do not mean to suggest that the country should simply embrace the boom-bust cycle that has been our economic fate since independence. We think the breaking of this cycle is the surest way out of the poverty trap.

But we do think that, in their effort to discount the country's economic performance, in their attempt to put last quarter's unexpected growth spurt in a limited context, professional analysts have missed the forest for the trees.

For once, we think that the government's own measured words of cautious optimism describe the situation best.

"The Philippine economy turned in a pleasant surprise in the second quarter of 2002 by growing at a rate that exceeded even (the government's) projection," Canlas said. "The broad-based nature of the expansion is encouraging. Although agriculture slowed down in the second quarter, industry recovered strongly. Services continued to gain strength."

What about the deficit? In absolute terms, it is worrisome; but in relative terms—that is, in proportion to the pace of economic growth—it may well be manageable. The 4.5-percent GDP growth in the second quarter "raises the likelihood that the target deficit-to-GDP ratio of 3.3 percent in 2002 would be realized," Canlas said.

This statement has the virtue of being both candid and accurate. If, as is still very likely, full-year GDP growth exceeds 4 percent, then the deficit would not exceed the target deficit-to-GDP ratio of 3.3 percent.

As anyone who has ever tried to balance a household budget can attest, debt is relative. The bigger the household, the bigger its capacity to borrow.

The US factor is also oversold. While Washington remains Manila's single biggest trading partner, other sources of trade remain robust. "Asean trade is really growing fast," Canlas said. "And if you look at the export figures, Asean as a group is now accounting for the biggest market of Philippine merchandise exports."

Now if only the analysts can look in the same direction.

Cleansing our courts

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

I TAKE this opportunity to reiterate my congratulations to Chief Justice Hilario G. Davide Jr. for the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Government Service that he received recently. Like most of our people, I believe that, more than any of our incumbent public officials, it is the Chief Justice who deserves the distinct honor conferred on him on the basis of his outstanding record, principally as head of the judiciary.

I would also like to comment, if I may, on the speech he delivered at the award ceremonies where he dissented from the remarks made less than tactfully by a foreign diplomat. That was US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone, who spoke publicly of rampant corruption in our judiciary as a deterrent to foreign investment.

My recollection of the rules of diplomatic courtesy is that a foreign ambassador should not involve himself in the internal affairs of the host country and desist from publicly criticizing its government. Any adverse comment on the receiving State should be made privately through official channels lest it be used as political ammunition by the opposition parties.

Ricciardone, assuming his good faith, should have addressed his misgivings to our foreign secretary for transmittal to the Chief Justice. In publicly castigating the Philippine judiciary, he sounded as if we were still an American colony being scolded by Governor General Leonard Wood.

That said, let me now go to Davide's speech where he denied that our judiciary was a den of thieves as charged by the outspoken envoy. The Chief Justice did not claim, as indeed he could not, that our courts were completely honest. On the contrary, he admitted, there were "bad eggs" among our judges (and he might have added justices as well) but they did not outnumber their honest colleagues.

Davide stressed that of the 25,000 officials and administrative personnel in the judiciary, only 600 have been disciplined during the past three years of his incumbency as Chief Justice. Three hundred fifty-two of them were magistrates, who were sentenced to the corresponding penalties, including removal. The number of punished offenders, he said, certainly would not justify condemnation of the entire judiciary as a den of thieves.

With all due respect to the Chief Justice, I believe that his explanation is far from realistic. He should know, more than any one else, that the numbers he cited do not show the whole picture of the corruption in the judiciary. That venality is more widespread than he imagines and is closer to the truth of Ricciardone's remarks.

Davide's conjecture that most of the complainants against judicial misconduct are "disgruntled litigants" may be accepted but not completely. Some of them may be disgruntled precisely because of the respondent's improbity or incompetence; many others dare not complain while their cases are pending, and it is only when they lose that they become disgruntled. And there are also those who may not be litigants at all, much less disgruntled, but are concerned and earnest complainants looking for justice.

The Supreme Court has dismissed many administrative cases for the usual excuse of "lack of evidence" but it misappreciates its role as an administrative body and not as a court of justice. As a tribunal, it can act only when its jurisdiction is invoked, but as an administor, it does not simply await but must *initiate* action. This means that it should itself seek and produce the needed evidence to enforce judicial discipline if it is to truly discharge its constitutional duty to administer the judiciary.

Chief Justice Davide and some of his colleagues on the Supreme Court and other judicial tribunals enjoy the esteem and confidence of the people, but they constitute only an admirable minority. I must inform him, if he naively does not know it yet, that many of our judges, from the lowest to the highest levels, are regarded with suspicion and contempt by the disappointed and hostile public. This attitude is fanned by rumors that, true or not, have seriously impaired the people's former faith in our courts of justice. I have to regretfully inform him that the Supreme Court is no longer considered the formidable and irreproachable bulwark of justice.

I say "former" because the judiciary, and especially the Supreme Court, used to be the most respected branch of the government. The justices of the High Tribunal embodied the ideal of the fair and fearless magistrate who could, like Lord Coke of England, defy his monarch's command with the ringing words: "I will do what becomes me as a judge."

That precious standard established by the Arellano Court was jealously maintained through the years until it was shamelessly rejected during the Marcos dictatorship. Sadly, that lost value has yet to be fully restored today. In my humble view, this can be done through a more careful selection of the nominees of the Judicial and Bar Council, a stricter supervision of the courts by the Court Administrator, and a more assertive leadership of the Supreme Court in weeding out its misfits.

Chief Justice Davide, my friend, if you would act more aggressively in cleansing our courts of corruption, ineptitude and indolence, you will have performed the noblest achievement of your outstanding career and earned the highest accolade from our grateful nation.

Correction please

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

SOME TIME last week, I received a text message from a friend that gave me some nervous moments. The message ran thus: "I thought we were close friends. I did not want to open up to you, but I cannot keep this to myself anymore. Rather than keep it to myself, I have decided that I will just spill it out to you. I heard *kasi* that you have been spreading something behind my back. Is it true that you have been spreading the news around that I am very cute and lovable!?"

* * *

You can just imagine the suspense within me as I read the message line by line. I thought I was to going to get a correction or a reprimand from this friend of mine.

The Gospel today (Mt. 18, 15-20) speaks of fraternal correction, which is not an easy thing to do. Many of us would rather not correct or remind a loved one or a friend for fear of hurting him or her or for fear of being misunderstood. But, fraternal correction, is part of Christian life. It has to be done. The bottom line is that it has to be done with love. That is the only reason we do this "unpleasant" task of pointing out the mistake of a brother or a sister.

* * *

Are there people who correct you? Are there people who point out what is wrong or what can still be improved? Usually, these are the people we would rather avoid because they make us uncomfortable. Oftentimes they are the KJ (kill joy) in our lives. But consider yourself lucky if you have people like that in your life. These are the people who really care for you. Consider yourself blessed if you have people who risk your ire or rejection, just because they care for you.

* * *

In contrast, there are so many people who will butter you up (especially when you are "up there"). They will say or do anything to make you feel that you are A-OK, that there are no problems, and there's no need to worry about anything. These are the people who will tell you what you want to hear, not what you need to hear. The problem with such people is that they hang out with you, as long as you are "up there." When bad fortune comes, they are gone. They were not true. They were not for keeps. They were just taking a look. They were just passing by.

* * *

Talking of fortune, Lucio Tan said a mouthful about our country recently. He said that the Philippines would continue to sleep in the next 100 years and it would not grow because of politics, politics. While I do not share his pessimism about our future, I agree with his opinion that we need to have discipline, and we need to believe in ourselves, otherwise "we would be like sleeping lions in the next 100 years." He is right, you know. Let's face it. Our country will never take off because we are overloaded with too much politics and too many countryless politicians.

Going beyond the medium himself, I'd say Tan's message is something we all should ponder upon. I wonder why nobody is picking it up. Is it because it is the truth and the truth hurts?

In the same manner, there are people who do not pick up the INQUIRER because of its "fearless views and balanced news."

* * *

Closer to home, I salute Mama for her persistence in correcting what needs to be corrected. I salute all mothers for that matter in their difficult role of "doing the dirty work" of rectifying whatever needs to be rectified, after fathers have long given up. Don't get me wrong. I salute fathers, too, but when it comes to the business of correcting and admonishing the family, the mothers are the ones who literally have the last say.

* * *

Closer to the heart, today is the birthday of the Blessed Mother. We pay tribute to this woman who brought forth Jesus into this world, and who brought Him up in their home in Nazareth. Mama Mary will be the first person to point to her Son Jesus. She will be the first person to object if we put more emphasis on her than on her Son. Those people who accuse her of outshining her Son do not have a deep understanding of what a mother's love is. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MAMA MARY!

* * *

Today is also the birthday of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD). We were founded in 1875 by a simple German priest, Arnold Janssen. His favorite prayer was: "May the darkness of sin and the night of unbelief vanish before the light of the Word and the Spirit of grace, and may the Heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all."

Blessed Arnold Janssen, through the Arnoldus Family (SVDs, the SSpS and the Pink Sisters), continues to make Jesus present all over the world, making true what Jesus said: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am in the midst of them."

* * *

Happy Grandparents' Day! May you continue to be grand, and may you continue to be parents to a world that needs so much gentleness, sobriety and love.

* * *

To show our love to Mama Mary, light a candle today from 5:30 p.m. outside our homes and wear something blue. Little expressions of love and gratitude to our loving Mother.

* * *

A moment with the Lord:
Lord, help us to make your kingdom present not only within us, but also between us. Amen.

Of fads, music and the poor

COMMENTARY

Lourdes Didith V. Mendoza
Institute on Church and Social Issues

TRADITIONALLY, Filipinos have always found creative ways to cope with hard times. Music, for one, has been and will always be not just a form of entertainment, but also an outlet for our angst and an avenue for immortalizing our shared ideals. Popular music has always reflected the Filipinos' sentimental nature. The *masa*, particularly, have always made their voices heard through the kind of music they cater to. Thus, it is rather unsettling to note that no hit music of the type the *masa* are fond of seems to be in the air.

The ubiquity of popular music in our country, or the lack of it, could be a gauge of how the poor in our society are doing. Since President Macapagal-Arroyo came to power, the *masa* have not shown a special preference to any brand of music or claimed any type of music as their own. As soon as Ms Macapagal became President, the jukebox music popularized by the likes of April Boy Regino or Jessa Zaragoza slowly faded away.

There wasn't any fad anymore. The music industry seemed to be dying, until Salbakuta and Aiza Seguerra came within hearing distance. But even their success was quite limited. They didn't start a fad of sorts, unlike the rock bands during the Ramos era, the Manila sound during the Marcos era and the proliferation of OPM during Aquino's time. Music has always accompanied the hard times we have gone through as a nation, so the sudden hush is a bit alarming.

This suggests that the *masa* who bring the fads to the streets could either be penniless or busy with work that needs to be done. Either way, it boils down to one thing: their voices are squelched. Surviving hard times has never been lonelier.

One example of how the voices of the poor are squelched can be found in the changes that have been haunting them recently. Lately, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority has been spraying kerosene on the wares of some members of the informal sectors in Metro Manila, rendering their products useless. Fear has also swathed some communities of informal settlers as rumors of impending demolitions spread. The poor fear that the government is out to get their livelihoods and their houses.

Where else can they go and what can they do but go back again and again to the places from which they have been evicted? The government hasn't offered any feasible alternative.

The changes happening in Metro Manila are not all that gruesome. The political will behind them is admirable, in fact. The problem is, with one swift move after another, in favor of a strong republic, the changes have managed to stifle the voice of the poor, which admittedly is loud in its need to be heard, but which never really reaches the ears of the proper authority. The rash of changes happening around them makes them more resistant because the government, according to the poor, has never really served them well in the first place.

How can you comply with the law when the government itself flagrantly abuses it? Those in power, according to the poor, hoodwink the *masa* into thinking that these changes will benefit them in the long run. In the meanwhile, they will go homeless and hungry while the politicians will be ensconced in their comfortable homes. Where is fairness and justice in all that? they ask. In the long run, the poor will have become poorer even before the shadows of the expected benefits appear.

In the meantime, the lack of popular hits in the airwaves, the hush that has suddenly engulfed the usually noisy arena of popular music can be likened to the lull before the storm. The marginalized poor, who no longer have the time or money for recreation such as music, have threatened to invade the streets again, not to sell or to have a street party, but this time to spur violence. If the government pushes through with its plans to move the poor without proper negotiation, or without offering a better alternative, we might be hearing a different brand of music in the days to come. There will be chanting in the streets, the kind we try to avoid.

The seeds of a fad are already planted. Both the poor and the middle class have taken to the streets at various times to express resentment at the authorities for various reasons, ranging from the really serious to the most trivial. However, when the poor take to the streets, there is a different sense of urgency. The urgency comes from the rumblings of a multitude of hungry stomachs, whose beat is as regular as a drum being pounded in a rock concert. The strength in any street action done by the poor lies in the thing that makes the poor weak: poverty.

Being poor, however, has never stopped the *masa* from immortalizing their plight or their ideals in song. However, unlike the fads and trends the poor breathe life into, poverty is not so transient or as finite as the latest craze. And poverty can squelch any tune and any voice. The government's seeming incapacity to help the poor, and now its seeming apathy toward their plight, can plant the seeds of a different hit in the making.

Hopefully, the authorities will find a way to implement their plans without forgetting to hear the concerns of the marginalized, who will obey the rules if only the government hears their side of things. If not, the fad of street action will reach its peak.

Afghan instability raises doubts on Iraq war

NEWS ANALYSIS

Alistair Lyon

LONDON—The latest bid to assassinate Afghan President Hamid Karzai underscores the potential dangers of US plans to extend the "war on terror" to Iraq while Afghanistan is still not at peace.

Karzai's narrow escape from his assailants on Thursday jangled nerves in Kabul, which suffered a deadly car bombing the same day, and reminded the world of the fragility of the US-backed Afghan leader's grip on his turbulent country.

The timing of the attacks seemed to be no accident, occurring almost one year after the assassination of Ahmad Shah Masood, then the main foe of Afghanistan's ousted Taliban rulers, and the Sept. 11 suicide-hijacks which the US blamed on Osama bin Laden's Taliban-allied al-Qaida network.

Afghan Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah accused al-Qaida and its Taliban allies of launching the attacks to destabilize the Kabul government. "It is further evidence that the war against terror in Afghanistan is far from over," he said.

Analysts said this had worrying implications for any attempt by US President George W. Bush to open a new front in his "war on terror" by invading Iraq to topple President Saddam Hussein.

Magnus Ranstorp, a terrorism expert at St. Andrews University in Scotland, said it was not yet known who tried to kill Karzai, but the attack fitted al-Qaida's methods and motives. "Al-Qaida is like a scorpion lying in wait," he said. "Its strategy is to destabilize Afghanistan and Pakistan and it is going for low-scale operations with a potentially high impact."

"It is well-versed in assassinations, ambushes and kidnaps, and that's the phase we are in now," he said, adding that such operations were easier for al-Qaida or its local sympathizers to carry out than a Sept. 11-type spectacular which required long preparation, planning and logistical support.

Ahmed Rashid, a Pakistani expert on Afghanistan, said Bin Laden's network appeared to be stepping up its activities. "In Pakistan, al-Qaida seems to have penetrated Islamic groups," he said. "There is a similar process going on in Afghanistan. An element of al-Qaida could be masterminding local Afghans to carry out these attacks."

The assassination of Vice President Haji Abdul Qadir, a Karzai ally, in July had already prompted the Afghan leader to replace his local bodyguards with US special forces.

The removal of Karzai, whose Pashtun identity is the main balancing factor in a government heavily weighted toward Tajiks and other ethnic minorities, would deal a terrible blow to the new order installed after last year's defeat of the Taliban. Karzai has long complained that the outside world is failing to deliver promised aid or provide the security muscle he needs to extend his writ beyond Kabul and prevent his impoverished, drug-riddled country from sinking back into factional conflict. The unraveling of the shaky central government would cause ripples far beyond the landlocked Asian nation.

"The United States does not need any major crisis in the buildup to confronting the Iraq situation," Ranstorp noted.

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, in a possible hint to Washington, said he was confident that "these senseless attacks" would strengthen world resolve to stabilize Afghanistan. But the United States has until recently opposed expanding the size and role of the International Security Assistance Force that now operates only around Kabul. It is now reconsidering, but it is unclear whether troops can be found to do the job.

Hazem Saghiyeh, a columnist for the London-based Arabic newspaper Al-Hayat, said there were legitimate doubts about the Bush administration's commitment to Afghan nation-building in view of what he called its isolationist tendencies. "Things are still very murky in Afghanistan and I don't know if they can be sorted out without a US presence on the ground, which implies a willingness to pay in casualties," he said.

Many commentators say the United States and its allies would have to be prepared for a lengthy commitment to shaping and backing any post-war government in Iraq after Saddam's removal.

Any attack on Iraq would inevitably prompt a loss of US concentration on Afghanistan and complicate the task of bringing the unruly country under control, Saghiyeh argued.

Rosemary Hollis, Middle East program director at London's Royal Institute of International Affairs, said Arabs would cast a jaundiced eye on any US decision to push ahead with an attack on Iraq while leaving Afghanistan in a mess. "My concern is that in the Arab world, the perception is that this is obviously why the US will go for Iraq—if they are failing in Afghanistan, change the war," she said. "It's grist to the mill of those who say the United States is embarked on an imperial agenda in which the focus is on oil and security interests. (In this scenario,) Afghanistan doesn't need to be rebuilt, thriving or half-way democratic. It just needs to stop being a problem."

In the Middle East, where freeing the Palestinians from Israeli occupation is widely seen as the most urgent priority, Arab League Secretary General Amr Moussa declared that an attack on Iraq would "open the gates of hell." Hollis said this perception could only be mitigated if the United States and Britain resorted to the United Nations in a last attempt to get Iraq to readmit UN weapons inspectors.

"If an Iraq campaign goes ahead as a US endeavor in pursuit of a US agenda...then for the region it will be seen as an act of US imperialism that will serve beautifully as a recruiting vehicle for radical extreme movements," she said.

Reuters

No man's land

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

"NO man's land" is the title of one of the outstanding films in the recent Cinemanila International Film Festival. It tells the story of three wounded soldiers at the height of the war in Bosnia—one Serb and two Bosnians—who by chance find themselves trapped together in a foxhole on disputed territory. One of the Bosnians lies immobile on top of a land mine that will explode if he lifts his body from it. The other Bosnian and the Serb are made to confront this strange and ridiculously tragic situation with unfailing irony. None of them can climb out of the foxhole without being shot at by either of the two sides. They alternately argue, tell stories, threaten each other, share cigarettes, hatch a rescue plan and actually shoot one another. Theirs is the story of all peoples, caught in the web of armed conflict, acting against their better instincts to destroy their neighbors that the war has identified for them as the enemy.

The United Nations multinational peacekeeping forces are requested by both the Bosnians and the Serbs to rescue the men. The UN British commander ponders the situation and decides that attempting a rescue might cause them to do something that could easily be misinterpreted as taking sides. A young French sergeant from the UN forces, fed up with this spectator role, defies the assessment of his superior officer, secures a temporary ceasefire from both sides and proceeds to the foxhole in no man's land. He is puzzled by what he sees, and his questions provoke a new round of argument and recrimination from the Bosnian and the Serb.

A woman correspondent from a global television network gets wind of the situation and, with her cameraman in tow, badgers the French sergeant with her own questions. Why are you doing this, she asks, reminding him of the peacekeepers' mandate as a neutral party. He mumbles something that takes the form of a stunning sound bite: "Because in the face of murder, to do nothing is to take sides."

But the rescue is far from easy. A German bomb disposal expert is brought into the trench to disarm the land mine underneath the body of the wounded Bosnian. To his dismay, he discovers he cannot do anything: the bomb is US-made and is tamper-proof.

Meanwhile, more reporters and photographers from the other media networks have come onto the scene. The British commander feels compelled by this unwanted media attention to personally come and survey the situation. He is seething. Privately, he gives the French sergeant a tongue-lashing and instructs the German bomb expert to pretend he is busy defusing the bomb. He then faces the media with all the aplomb of an officer in full control of the situation.

Finally, he announces that the bomb has been disarmed. The two soldiers from the warring camps emerge from the trench. And as the commander of the peacekeepers gives another speech to the media, the two men who have just been rescued manage to snatch some guns and fire at one another. They both die. The cameras continue to whirl, beaming instant images of violence to insatiable viewers back home. The other Bosnian soldier lying helplessly atop the American-made land mine takes out the photo of a loved one from one of his pockets. He knows he will die soon; the bomb had not been disarmed.

In another trench not too far away, two soldiers talk during the lull. One of them peruses an old magazine and seeing an article on the conflict between the Hutu and the Tutsi tribes, casually remarks, "What a mess Rwanda is!"

I thought that was the film's most powerful line. The irony is subtle, and the indictment is collective. We tend to see all the mess that other people create everywhere else in the world, except our own. And when we do see our own, we spend more time apportioning blame or assigning responsibility, or scoring ideological points and digging up memories of past resentments, than finding pragmatic solutions to the mess in which we find ourselves.

Wars do not sprout overnight. The circumstances that make them possible and sometimes inevitable usually develop over such a long period that it no longer makes sense to ask who started it all. The more important questions to ask, as the film makes clear, would have been: How do we both get out of the foxhole alive? And how should we deal with land mines?

The answers that the film provides are quite simple: Stop arguing especially in front of media and start talking about joint action. And don't mess with land mines especially if they are US-made.

In many ways, countless situations in everyday life may be regarded as "no man's land" not only in the dictionary sense of "unoccupied region separating opposing armies," but also in the philosophical sense of not being easily summarized as any particular person's or group's doing. Situations evolve through time, the product of many antecedent events, yet we tend to view them from the prism of imputed motives. We do not delve rigorously enough into the multiple causes of situations. We tend rather to go for those explanations that offer us the quickest relief because they confirm our prejudices and beliefs about others.

The result, as the sharpest observer of such great human errors, Nietzsche, once put it, is that "One way of positing causes becomes increasingly prevalent, is concentrated into a system and ultimately emerges as dominant, i.e. simply ruling out other causes and explanations. The banker's first thoughts are of 'business,' the Christian's of 'sin', the girl's of her love."

* * *

Comments to rdavid@pacific.net.ph

So much for Asean or Islamic solidarity

COMMENTARY

Raul J. Palabrica

MALAYSIANS, Indonesians and Filipinos belong to the Malay race. But this racial kinship—or sense of belonging to one genealogical branch of the human race—was hardly taken into account when Malaysia implemented its law requiring undocumented aliens to leave the country by the end of August under pain of caning and imprisonment.

Although the law was made to apply without distinction to all non-Malaysians, it was obvious from the way it was enforced that it had as its target the tens of thousands of Indonesians and Filipinos who had flocked to Malaysia many years ago for economic reasons.

Except for some short periods, relations between Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines have been cordial. During the 1960s, the three countries organized Maphilindo, a loose association that sought to foster better social and economic relations among themselves. It was the first attempt by countries in this part of the world to work together to achieve common objectives.

The initial efforts at unity did not bear fruit. Personal ambitions and internal politics marred the beginnings of regional solidarity. Indonesia and Malaysia almost went to war over ownership of certain islands. Relations between the Philippines and Malaysia chilled when plans of then President Ferdinand Marcos to take over Sabah through clandestine military means ended in embarrassing disaster.

The irritants that set apart the three countries were placed at the back burner when they spearheaded the organization of the Association of Southeast Nations in 1967. Other countries in the region later joined Asean to transform it into a strong regional economic force.

Cohesive ties

It is a tribute to the leaders of Asean that ties among the 10 member-countries have gone beyond political and economic levels. Their heads of government meet every year for business-cum-social purposes. Lower level officials take turns hosting meetings to discuss common problems.

The citizens of the Asean countries regularly engage in cultural, social and educational activities. They have exchange-students programs, "spelling bee" contests, singing competitions, sports tournaments and other forms of social interaction that promote harmonious relations at the grass roots.

No doubt, Asean has been effective in breaking down the invisible barriers that alienate one country from the others or prevent their citizens from freely interacting with each other. The prejudices and stereotypes that have haunted Asean citizens for generations are slowly disappearing.

Unfortunately, the kinship and solidarity nurtured by Asean, not to mention the unique historical ties with Indonesia and the Philippines, mean nothing to the Malaysian authorities when they run after the undocumented Indonesians and Filipinos in their country.

Good relations and close cultural ties did not make the Malaysian police think twice before burning the houses of the Filipinos, herding them and the Indonesians into inhabitable cages and treating the women and children like hardened criminals.

The Asean objectives of peace, harmony and cooperation among their peoples were forgotten. It was as if Asia's first regional organization never existed at all.

Islamic kinship

The breach in Asean decorum may be explained by overenthusiasm in the enforcement of the alien documentation law. In their desire to meet the Aug. 31 deadline, the Malaysian authorities may have overreacted or committed acts that violated the basic human rights of the Indonesians and Filipinos.

But what is difficult to understand is how a government that professes to strongly believe in the teachings of Islam can so harshly and brutally treat their fellow Muslims.

How many times have we heard Muslim leaders proclaim that the believers of Islam belong to one family? That their religion requires them to look after each other? That an injury suffered by one Muslim is an injury suffered by all Muslims regardless of nationality? That women and children are entitled to extra care and attention?

The way the Malaysian authorities manhandled and abused the undocumented Indonesian and Filipino Muslims raises doubts about Malaysia's true understanding of the teachings of the prophet Mohammed. The non-Malaysian Muslims were treated like enemies, not brothers in faith. It was a virtual rehash, although on a smaller scale, of the wars waged by the Moors against the infidels during the Middle Ages.

While Indonesian and Filipino Muslims are being hounded to leave Sabah, the Malaysian government is spreading the welcome mat for Muslims from Central Asia. Just what makes Muslims from that faraway land extra special compared to their counterpart in the neighboring countries is a big puzzler.

For sure, there is nothing in the Koran that says that the way a Muslim should treat a brother in Islam depends on the latter's station in life, place of birth or financial circumstances.

Silence

Amid complaints of maltreatment of Indonesian and Filipino Muslims by Malaysia, the supposed vanguard of the faith, the Organization of Islamic Conference, has been noticeably quiet.

The OIC is quick to send veiled warnings to the Philippine government of serious economic consequences whenever Muslim secessionist groups in Mindanao complain about alleged atrocities by Filipino soldiers. The rich OIC members open their purses without hesitation when Muslims in Europe and Africa cry out for financial help.

The interests of the Indonesian and Filipino Muslims who have suffered (and continue to suffer) indignities in the hands of Malaysian authorities do not appear serious enough to merit the OIC's attention. There is no news that the OIC has asked Malaysia to act humanely in the deportation of undocumented Indonesian and Filipino Muslims.

Is the OIC afraid to ruffle the feelings of an oil-rich member country? Malaysia can, if rebuked by the OIC for un-Islamic behavior, afford to go it alone in case the OIC decides to impose an oil embargo, its favorite weapon in forcing other countries to follow its will.

With this latest incident, any talk in the future about Asean unity or Islamic solidarity should be taken with a grain of salt. Two myths about regional cooperation and religion have just been consigned to the wastebasket.

The INQUIRER is a member of the
PHILIPPINE PRESS INSTITUTE
The National Association of Philippine Newspapers

Please send feedback to jsarmiento@inquirer.com.ph

TALK of the TOWN

Editor **Juan V. Sarmiento Jr.**

Is there hope for the BIR?

THE BUREAU of Internal Revenue has a serious image problem. Many people perceive it as a "flagship of corruption." This perception was further strengthened when Rene Bañez resigned as BIR chief last month. He said some employees were sabotaging the reforms he instituted by deliberately cutting collections.

As of the first half of the year, the BIR, which collects 80 percent of the government's revenues, incurred a shortfall of about P33 billion. The shortfall widened the budget deficit to P133 billion as of July, exceeding by P3 billion the target for the whole year. One form of corruption is the diversion of tax payments. A case in point is the P200-million tax diversion scam uncovered in the Binangonan branch of the Land Bank of the Philippines.

The widespread corruption, along with inefficient revenue collection and a complex tax system, is causing the country to lose P380 billion in potential revenues yearly, according to the research unit of the US-based investment bank Morgan Stanley.

Something is being done to improve tax collection. A few erring BIR personnel have been fired. Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho says the government has undertaken one-fourth of the reforms it had set. But he says reforming the BIR is not something that happens overnight.

'Dealing with tax collectors is a nightmare'

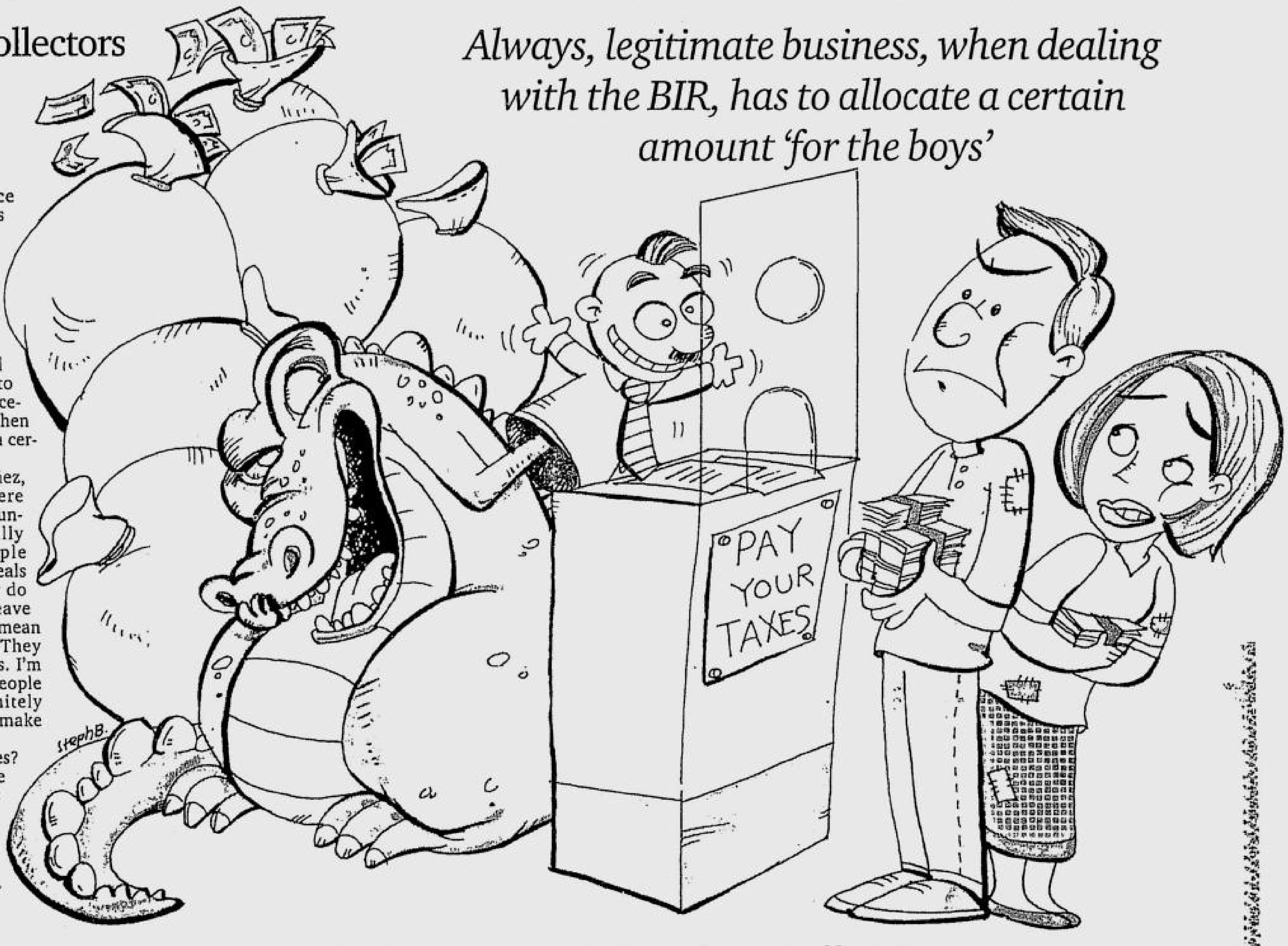
By Eliseo
Exporter of handicrafts and garments to the US and Europe

MY FIRST-HAND experience with the BIR as a taxpayer is not good. People in this agency are corrupt and have no qualms extorting money from taxpayers. Corruption is so institutionalized. The poor collection system and work ethic currently in place make this unavoidable. Always, even if you want to do things properly and according to the law, one is forced to comply with improper and illegal procedures. Always, legitimate business, when dealing with the BIR, has to allocate a certain amount "for the boys."

The recent resignation of Rene Bañez, who said that the people inside were sabotaging reforms being instituted under him, is a case in point. I totally agree with him. There are people against reform because their dirty deals are at stake. These people certainly do not want change. They wouldn't leave their comfort zone because it would mean a drastic change in their lifestyle. They prefer to stick to their corrupt ways. I'm sure there are good, hardworking people in the BIR, but the bad eggs definitely comprise a majority. All they do is make dirty money.

Do I think it's worth paying my taxes? I know I have to pay, and I do. But the taxes we pay should come back to us in the form of services. We do not pay just to fill their pockets. I have had so many unpleasant experiences that dealing with them has become a nightmare. *(Interview by Cynthia Allanigue)*

Always, legitimate business, when dealing with the BIR, has to allocate a certain amount 'for the boys'



'A lot of people perceive the BIR as corrupt'

By Xenia Estrella
Businesswoman

A LOT of people I know, including myself, perceive the BIR as corrupt. I believe this is because we don't really know where exactly our taxes go. I haven't checked its website which I think it already has. I really hope it can come up with more ideas to show people that the agency is actually doing its job in helping our country prosper.

By Janet Pizarro
Proprietor of a home décor shop in Mandaluyong

TAX collectors are like funnels with several holes on the other end. They have big mouths for gobbling up all the money. Too little goes to the national coffers. Tax collectors are good at what they do, but as to where the money goes, that's the big mystery. *(Interview by Maricar Tolosa)*

'Patience . . . wait for reforms' effects'

By Jose Isidro Camacho
Finance Secretary

CORRUPTION in the Bureau of Internal Revenue is hard to deny but very difficult to prove. We have seen how this undermined the leadership in the BIR during the term of Rene Bañez.

We heard how the former BIR chief had complained about efforts to sabotage his collection. On the ground level, we hear about a campaign from unscrupulous groups, possibly BIR employees, who urge taxpayers not to settle their taxes.

We have seen manifestations of corruption in the BIR. The substantial shortfall in its collection this year is a reflection of this. Although we have a general impression that corrupt practices do happen in the BIR, we cannot prove it and pinpoint specific instances.

We simply have to say that it could have been one of the items that dragged down the collection of the BIR in April, a tax payment season, compared with its target and last year's revenues.

Bañez called for an investigation of those that were documented and endorsed the termination of employees found remiss in their duties.

Tax diversion scam

Bañez terminated nine BIR officers and recommended the dismissal of 33 others. On his first day in office on Aug. 30, new BIR chief Guillermo Parayno recommended the investigation of seven officials, assigned to the BIR's top-filer unit, who could have detected the tax diversion scam uncovered by the Land Bank of the Philippines in its Binangonan branch.

We don't know whether these people deliberately undermined the bureaucracy or whether they were simply negligent or incompetent. Agreeably, corruption is one of the factors that have been causing the BIR's shortfall but it is hard to ascribe a number lost to this malady.

The most we can do is to be more vigilant and try to do something about the other factors limiting the BIR's collection. One is to move forward more aggressively with the reforms that, once fully implemented, should give the BIR an additional P16 billion in revenues.

So far, we have completed only about one-fourth of the reforms that were set and we are starting to feel the impact of these efforts like the VAT-relief system.

VAT discrepancies

These efforts may not immediately increase the collection of the BIR but they have started to put in place an increased discipline. An ongoing audit of small-and medium- taxpayers uncovered P700 million in value-added tax discrepancies from the evaluation of 577 companies.

Positive economic figures also adversely affected BIR collection this year. The BIR's revenue target this year was based on macroeconomic assumptions like a 10-11 percent 91-day treasury bill rate average, a P51-P52 to a dollar exchange rate, and a 5-6 percent inflation rate. But because of the positive performance of the economy, these numbers turned out to be better than expected but unfortunately, not for the BIR.

For instance, we now expect interest rates to average only between 7 and 8 percent this year and because of the substantial decline in rates, this contributed to nearly one-fourth of the BIR's shortfall as banks' payments on interest income—a significant source of revenue—fell.

Normally, economic growth as reflected by the gross domestic product should shore up the BIR's performance. There are some who may be asking why the 4.5 percent GDP growth in the second quarter did not translate to increased tax payments especially from corporations.

I would like to point out that much of the growth during the first half were from exports and agriculture, which are non-taxable sectors of the economy. Thus, there was not much benefit for the BIR.

Optimist

Ever the optimist, I am confident that better days await the BIR, especially now that we have found an equally capable leader in the person of Parayno.

Many of us tend to believe the worst in things. We tend to dwell on the negative findings of studies by foreign investment banks, the World Bank or the International Monetary Fund on the tax losses we sustain because of corruption and our complex tax system.

I have encountered figures that we sustain tax leakage of P60 billion, P90 billion or more than P300 billion. To me these are oversimplification of items hard to substantiate.

We see evidence of the shadow economy all around us but the best thing to do is institute programs to bring them into the formal sector. Interior Secretary Joey Lina, for instance, has directed local government units to require a BIR registration before allowing small businesses to operate.

As we move forward with the reforms, I hope that the BIR's collection will improve and the ratio of our tax effort to the economy move up similarly.

We have to take it one day at a time. We must have the patience to wait for the reforms to take effect and bear fruit while being firm on correcting unscrupulous practices.

It is a balance that we must strike as we rid the BIR of corruption and improve its performance. Reforming the BIR is an integral part of the good governance efforts of this administration. This is not something that happens overnight. *(Interview by Clarissa S. Batino)*

'The previous management wanted to burn the whole house just to kill a rat'

By Percival Salazar
President
BIR Employees Association

GRAFT committed by some "bad eggs" in the BIR seems to have been blown out of proportion.

A wrong notion being bruited around is that corruption is the major cause of the shortfall in tax collection. This perception is obviously due to lack of awareness of the collection processes in the bureau.

Ninety-eight percent of the total revenue collection of the BIR comes from voluntary tax compliance, and 2 percent from investigations.

Voluntary tax compliance refers to those taxpayers who voluntarily file their respective returns, compute the taxes due them and pay the same to the BIR through accredited banks. The remaining 2 percent is generated through tax investigations conducted by the bureau, from the national office and 19 regional offices.

Clearly, the "playing field" of corruption for tax examiners and employees is limited in this area. Be that as it may, these erring personnel belong to the minority. Records show that respectable collections are also generated from this source. Obviously, there is no basis at all to conclude that corruption in the BIR is the major cause of shortfall in tax collection. To be sure, it is a combination of several factors such as tax leakage and loopholes, tax evasion, weak criminal prosecution of tax cases, ineffective management style and economic downturn.

The previous management had the mistaken belief that because only 2 percent of revenues were collected from tax investigations, it might as well do away with tax investigation and just focus our efforts on encouraging voluntary tax compliance. In this manner, so the previous management thought, we may eliminate or minimize corruption in the bureau.

Hence, tax investigations were ordered suspended or stopped for extended periods except for very few exceptions.

The misguided notion that stopping tax investigations will result in increased tax collection and stop or minimize corruption was a grave miscalculation. The result was low revenue collection, which was validated by statistics submitted by the regional director of Manila to then Acting Commissioner Cornelio C. Gison.

There are, I am sure, better and decisive ways of eliminating or minimizing graft and corruption in the BIR, but definitely not along the line of reasoning of the previous management, which "in order to kill a rat it has to burn the whole house down."

This exactly was the result of stopping or suspending tax investigations for a long period.

Experience shows that tax investigation is the very key that paves the way for high voluntary compliance. Without it, taxpayers are emboldened to file inaccurate returns and pay less taxes because the fear of being discovered and prosecuted for tax evasion through tax investigations, has been removed by the previous management in the name of a graft-free BIR.

The WORLD

Editor Luverne B. Gueco

US probe clears gunship in Afghan wedding airstrike

WASHINGTON—An American airstrike that killed dozens of Afghan civilians at a wedding party was justified because the plane retaliated after coming under fire from the ground, a US military investigation concluded.

A summary of the investigation report, released late Friday, said those who were firing at US aircraft were to blame, not the Americans who fired back.

"While the coalition regrets the loss of innocent lives, the responsibility for that loss rests with those that knowingly directed hostile fire at coalition forces," the report said.

"The operators of those weapons elected to place them in civilian communities and elected to fire them at coalition forces at a time when they knew there were a significant number of civilians present."

Afghan authorities say 48 civilians were killed and 117 were wounded in the attacks on July 1 by an AC-130 gunship on several villages in Afghanistan's Uruzgan province. The US investigation could only confirm 34 dead and about 50 wounded, the report said.

The attacks strained relations between the United States and Afghanistan, with Afghan officials calling for better coordination between US military commanders and Afghan civil authorities.

The airstrike was part of a larger operation in the area, which the report said was home to the extended families of both Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar and the Taliban's former supreme military commander, Mullah Berader.

The report said reconnaissance patrols heard gunfire and explosions at all hours of the day and night, indicating the area "appeared to support enemy military training."

Helicopters inserting those patrols came under fire, and at least one had to land at an alternate site, the report said.

Afghan officials and survivors said most of the dead were women and children at a compound in the Deh Rawood area to celebrate a wedding. They said the only gunfire from the area came from celebrants shooting their rifles into the air.

But the US report said heavy weapons had been fired at American helicopters and airplanes in the days and weeks before the raid—and the AC-130 itself also came under fire. The crew of the AC-130 fired its shells only on areas where the fire had been coming from, the report said.

Still, US investigators found no evidence of anti-aircraft weapons at the two compounds where the casualties came from—neither hours later, when US troops entered the area, nor days later, when a US investigative team arrived, the report said.

Investigators did find about a dozen shell casings for heavy machine guns, but the report added that when the later team arrived, the area had been raked. *AP*

Bush, Blair seek global backing for Iraq action

WASHINGTON—US President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair on Friday launched a diplomatic drive to win global backing for tougher action against Iraq hours after their warplanes staged a major raid on President Saddam Hussein's military.

Bush and Blair separately telephoned Russian President Vladimir Putin and French President Jacques Chirac, both of whom have expressed serious reservations about toppling the Iraqi leader.

The US president also spoke to Chinese President Jiang Zemin.

Bush, Putin, Chirac, Jiang and Blair represent the five permanent members of the UN Security Council and all hold veto power over any UN resolution on Iraq.

"The (US) president told the foreign leaders that he values their opinions. He stressed that Saddam Hussein is a threat and that we need to work together to make the world more peaceful," White House spokesperson Ari Fleischer said.

A spokesperson for Blair said: "The prime minister is keeping in touch with his colleagues on the present international situation."

Bush and Blair appear to be working closely to rally international support for possible US-led military action against Saddam, whom they accuse of developing weapons of mass destruction.

The two leaders will meet Saturday at the US president's Camp David retreat for talks on Iraq. Next week, Bush will meet Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien and address the UN General Assembly to outline his case against Iraq.

But the US and British leaders still seem to be struggling to convince other allies that a unilateral US-led strike on Iraq would not have disastrous consequences in the volatile Middle East.

The Russian president told Bush and Blair he had "serious doubts" about Bush's arguments for striking Iraq, Interfax news agency quoted Kremlin spokesperson Alexei Gromov as saying.

"In the course of the (telephone) discussions, the president expressed his serious doubts concerning the basis, both in international law and in the global political sense, of using force against Iraq," Gromov said.

France's Chirac also told Bush any military action against Iraq needed prior UN approval even though he believed the international community had to show determination in dealing with Baghdad.

"The attitude of the international community should be determined and its reaction should be clearly legitimate," Chirac's spokesperson Catherine Colonna quoted him as saying.

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan said a pre-emptive strike on Iraq would be "unwise," and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres added that an offensive against Baghdad would not solve the Middle East's problems. *AFP*

COMPUTER PACHAGES
FREE!!! BRAND NEW SPEAKER
CD ROM • SOUNDCARD • 15" MONITOR
P1-133 (32mb/1.2 gb) P 4,900
P1-150 (32mb/1.2 gb) P 5,200
P1-166 (32mb/1.6 gb) P 5,700
P1-200 (32mb/2.5 gb) P 6,700
PII-233 (64mb/4.0 gb) P 9,500
PII-266 (64mb/4.0 gb) P10,500
MONITOR
15" - P 1,990 20" - P 4,990
17" - P 2,990 21" - P 5,990
• All units guaranteed working
• With warranty
• Imported from JAPAN
We also sell computer parts
• Sound Card • Audio Cable
• Video Card • Speaker
• Lan Card • Keyboard
• Monitor Cable (15P) • Mouse
AJA COMPUTER CENTER
C-3 Rd. cor. 6th St., Caloocan City
Tels. 364-1825 / 364-2518 / 361-5130
OPEN ON SUNDAY

De La Salle University
Manila

Updates on Accounting Standards Seminar

This seminar will orient the participants on seven recently approved Statements of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS Nos. 16, 24, 27, 28, 31, 35 & 36). Noted CPAs from top auditing firms will serve as resource persons. CPAs academicians, practitioners and all interested persons are invited to attend the seminar. The seminar is scheduled on September 27-28, 2002. Seminar fee is P3, 500 for academicians and P5,500 for other interested participants.

For inquiries and reservations, please call 524-46-11 locals 135, 262 & 163 or call 536-02-63.

Family First Inc.
ACTION HOTLINE
755-1591
HELP US HELP YOU.

We remain steadfast in our mission to serve the Filipino family and are continuously upgrading our services to give you the service that you deserve.

In line with this, we have an ACTION CENTER dedicated solely to acting on your queries and concerns. Please dial Tel. No. 755-1591.

You may also directly email our General Manager at rpaulsen@myfamilyfirst.com.

To our existing Planholders, thank you for your unwavering trust. It is well-placed.

Family First Inc.
www.myfamilyfirst.com

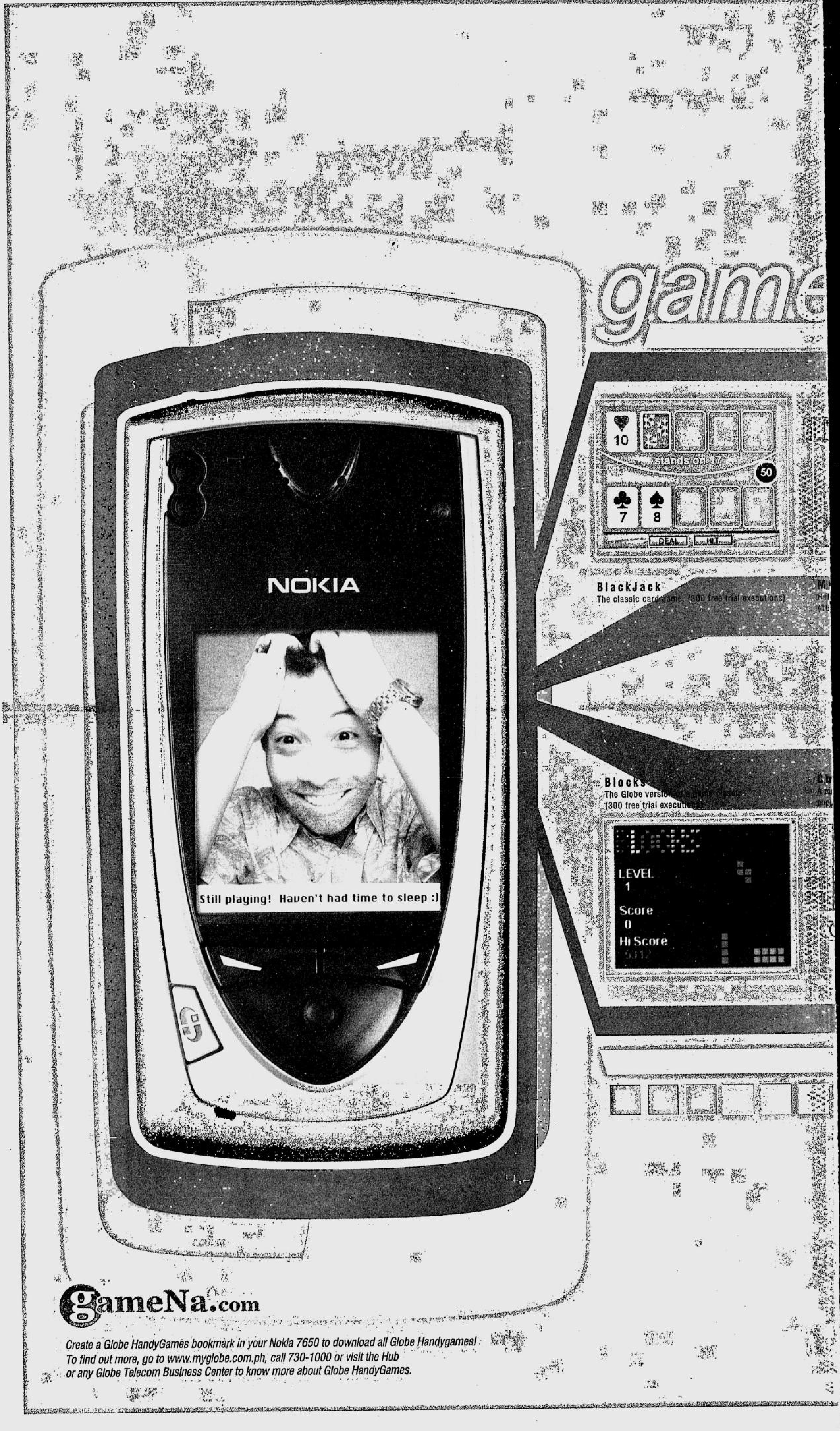
Official Distributor of Berkley International Plans, Inc.

BERKLEY INTERNATIONAL
LIFE INSURANCE • PLANS
www.berkley.com.ph

(Berkley is the 1st and only pre-need company given a corporate credit rating of PRS Aplus* by the Philippine Rating Services Corporation for its "ABOVE-AVERAGE CAPACITY TO MEET ITS FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS" compared to other Philippine corporations.)

**Ratings are subject to monitoring and change as circumstances require.*

"The Securities and Exchange Commission has not approved this advertisement or determined if this is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary constitutes a violation of the Securities Regulation Code and is criminally punishable. The public is encouraged to report immediately to The Securities and Exchange Commission any misrepresentation or false or inaccurate statement."


game
10
stands on 17
50
7
8
DEAL
HIT
NOKIA
LEVEL
1
Score
0
Hi Score
5012

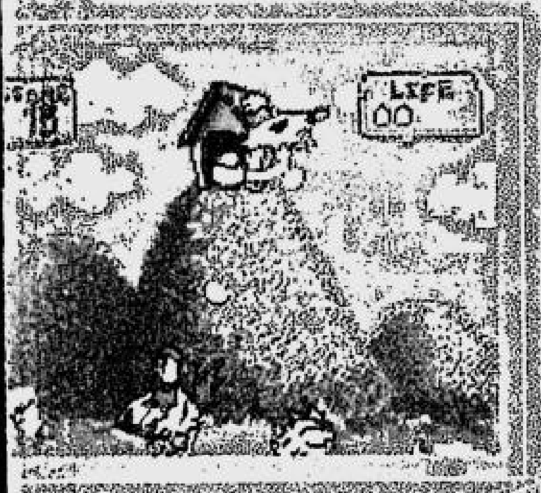
Still playing! Haven't had time to sleep :)

BlackJack
The classic card game. (300 free trial executions)

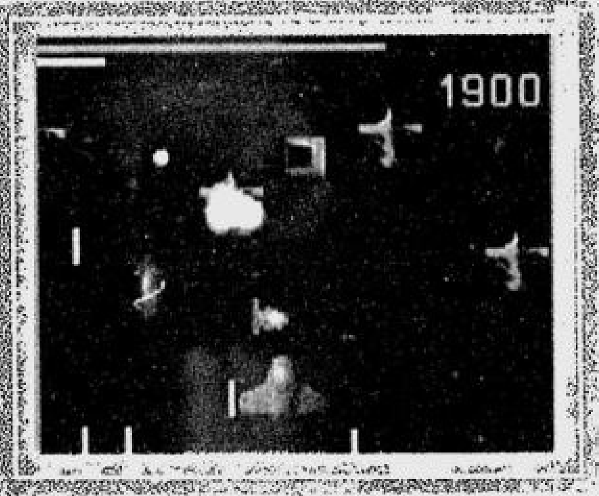
Blocks
The Globe version of a game classic
(300 free trial executions)

gameNa.com

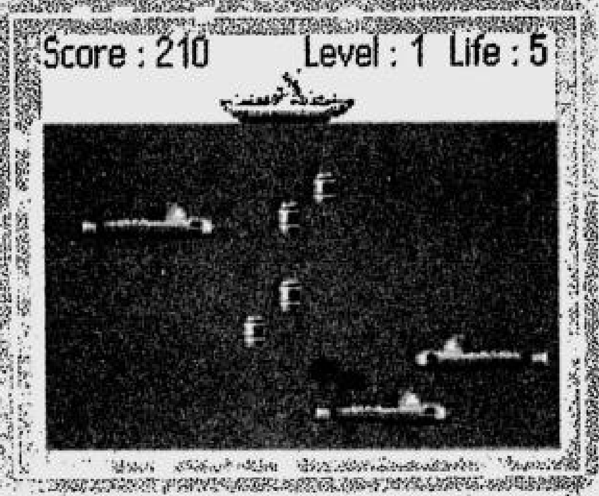
Create a Globe HandyGames bookmark in your Nokia 7650 to download all Globe Handygames!
To find out more, go to www.myglobe.com.ph, call 730-1000 or visit the Hub
or any Globe Telecom Business Center to know more about Globe HandyGames.



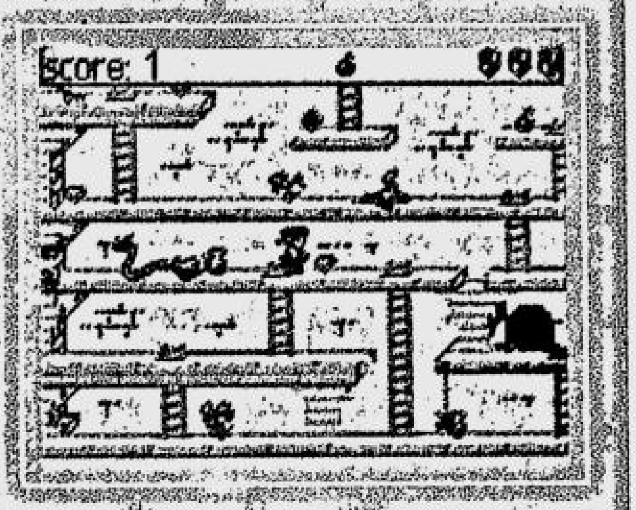
ko Miko
p your hen catch eggs from an angry wolf.
free trial executions)



Axion
An updated version of the classic space combat game.
(free 1st level demo)


Score : 210
Level : 1
Life : 5

BombSub
Navigate your ship around mines... and *bombsubs*.
(free 1st level demo)

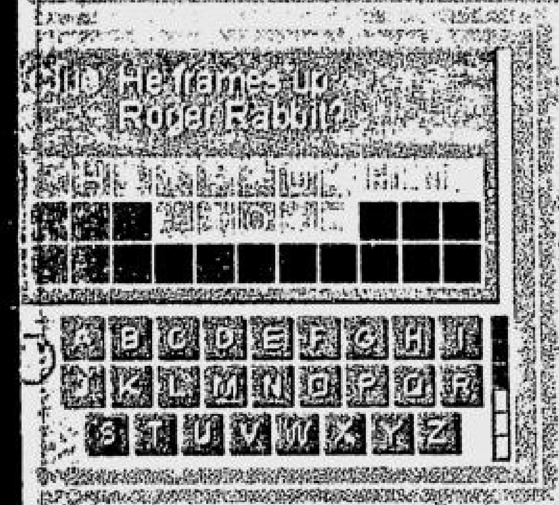


ConQuest
A sword-and-sorcery adventure game set in a castle.
(free 1st level demo)

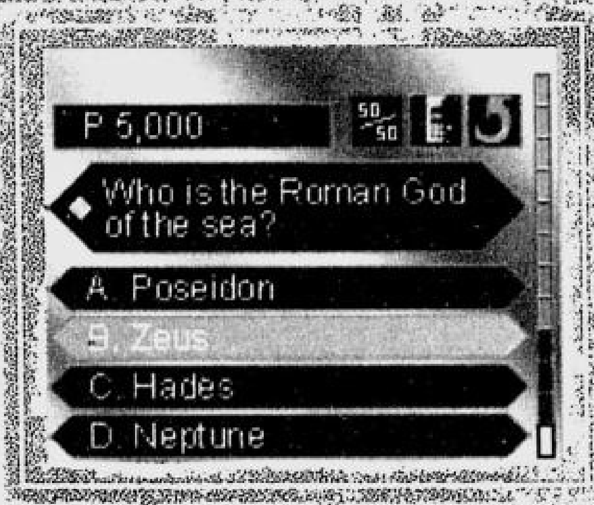
New Globe HandyGames

Now, Globe gives you more reasons to spend quality time with your Nokia 7650.

ance Of A Fortune
zze game mixing elements from different
game shows. (300 free trial executions)


He frames up
Roger Rabbit?
A B C D E F G H I
J K L M N O P Q R
S T U V W X Y Z

Who Wants To Be The Strongest Link
A trivia game complete with lifelines and
12 difficult questions. (300 free trial executions)


P 5,000
50/50
Who is the Roman God of the sea?
A. Poseidon
B. Zeus
C. Hades
D. Neptune

Word Mill
Test your vocabulary and texting skills with this
word game. (300 free trial executions)

WORD MILL
HI-SCORE
SCORE
CAVALIER
RICE
CRAVE
LIVER
VEIL
LIVE

Today, only Globe lets you experience gaming paradise with your brand-new Nokia 7650! Download and sample any of our first nine **Globe HandyGames** for hours and hours of quality phone time.

And if you don't have one, why wait? Get a Nokia 7650 with a Ⓖ Plan now and get as much as 50% off on your second Nokia 7650.

Enjoy FREE trials on all Globe HandyGames until September 30. They're initially available for Plan Subscribers so get a Ⓖ Plan now!

making great things possible

Globe
HANDYPHONE

Bumigay sila sa hirap.
Bumigay sila sa pagod.
Bumigay sila sa sakit.

Bigyan natin ng kahit kaunting ginhawa ang ating mga kababayan na pinalayas sa Sabah, Malaysia. Hirap, pagod at sakit pa rin ang kalaban nila sa mga Holding Centers. Makakatulong ka. De lata, gamot, damit, tisyu... para mas madali, pera. Matitiis n'yo ba sila?

Tayo, bumigay na ba?

HOW YOU CAN HELP?

Support *Tabang Mindanaw III.* Cash donations may be deposited at any of the *Tabang Mindanaw* Accounts in the following Banks nationwide:

Bank of the Philippine Islands:

Peso Account No. 0011-1556-93
US Dollar Acct. No. 0012-0025-64

BPI-Family:	6001-0505-73
China Bank:	130-039511-3
Metrobank:	3066-3103-46
RCBC:	3-000-699-232

You may also send your cash/check donations (payable to Tabang Mindanaw) through any of the Task Force Members listed here.

Goods in Kind: Send to either GMA 7 Foundation, Inc Attention: Ms. Monchie Silvestre at 928-4299 or 928-7021 to 24 loc 310/287; or ABS – CBN Foundation, Inc. Attention: Mr. Henry Pajo at 411-0846/416-0387.

Task Force Members:

Assisi Development Foundation, Inc.; Ayala Foundation, Inc ; Philippine Daily Inquirer; ABS-CBN Foundation, AY Foundation, Inc., GMA-7 Foundation, Inc ; League of Corporate Foundations, Inc.; Metrobank Foundation, Inc.; Office of Ms. Margie Moran-Floirendo; PISO for Unity, Peace and Progress Foundation, Inc.

For further inquiries, please call up the Secretariat. Attention: Exec. Coordinator Merlie "Milet" B. Mendoza, c/o Assisi Development Foundation, Inc., Units 503-506 Prestige Tower, Emerald Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City 1605 Philippines. Tel. Nos. 632-1001 to 03 DL: 636-5855 FaxNo.: 632-7844. Email: tabang@mindgate.net Website www.tabangmindanaw.org

TABANG MINDANAW

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Probers quiz 7 suspects in Karzai slay attempt

KABUL—Investigators in Afghanistan questioned at least seven suspects on Friday as they hunted for the masterminds of an assassination attempt on President Hamid Karzai and of a car bomb that killed as many as 26 people.

Karzai blamed Thursday's attacks, which heightened fears that a wave of violence might mark the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States, on Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida movement or its Taliban allies.

But he said he had no plans to take additional personal security measures despite the attempt on his life in the southern city of Kandahar.

"Those who planned it are al-Qaida or Taliban. They knew it was the right day," he told a Kabul news briefing, referring to his brother's wedding, for which he was in Kandahar to celebrate.

The United States accuses al-Qaida of launching the Sept. 11 attacks on Washington and New York.

When asked whether he needed additional protection, Karzai replied: "No, no way. It has always been dangerous. I have been through this before. I was hit three times when we were fighting the Soviets."

An official in Kandahar said six men had been arrested in connection with the attack on Karzai.

The six were armed when they were picked up outside the residence of Kandahar governor Gul Agha Sherzai after two gunmen opened fire on Karzai's vehicle, the official said.

Earlier accounts of the incident spoke of a lone gunman.

"They are all Afghans from Kandahar. We are investigating them. They are suspects to us and we will see what comes from them during the investigation," a secretary for Karzai's brother, Ahmad Wali Karzai, said by satellite phone from the city.

In Kabul, Interior Minister Taj Mohammad Wardak said his officials had arrested the driver of a taxi that exploded in the heart of the capital shortly before the attack on Karzai.

"The suspect is an Afghan and the driver of the taxi. The investigation is going on. He has not said anything yet to indicate that he had any link with the explosions," Wardak said, adding the blast had killed 16 people and wounded more than 150.

Commander Simon Ryan, spokesperson for the Turkish-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Kabul, said the official death toll was 26.

"ISAF has already raised its own security measures," he said.

The twin strikes left Karzai's transitional government looking more fragile than at any time since he took office last December after a US-led coalition toppled the Islamist Taliban.

Shots were fired at Karzai's car as his convoy reached the gates of the residence of Kandahar governor Sherzai. Three men died in the shootout, including two attackers, according to officials, who also said a US special forces soldier serving in Karzai's bodyguard was wounded. *Reuters*

BRITISH DAILY REPORT

US, UN ignored Taliban envoy's warning of huge Bin Laden attack

LONDON—The US and the UN ignored warnings from a secret Taliban emissary weeks before Sept. 11 last year that Osama bin Laden was planning a huge attack on America, a British daily reported Saturday.

The warnings were delivered by an aide of Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil, the Taliban Foreign Minister at the time, who was known to be unhappy with foreign militants in Afghanistan such as Bin Laden's al-Qaida network, the Independent newspaper said.

Muttawakil, now reportedly in American custody, believed the Taliban regime's protection of Bin Laden and the other militants would lead to the destruction of Afghanistan by the US military, the Independent said, quoting the aide.

The foreign minister then ordered his official to alert the US and the UN about what was going to happen.

But in a massive failure of intelligence, the message was disregarded because of what sources described as "warning fatigue," the British daily said.

Muttawakil's aide, who wanted to remain anonymous, told the Independent that the minister learnt in July last year that bin Laden was planning a "huge attack" on targets inside America.

Muttawakil found out about the coming attacks from the leader of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, Tahir Yildash, the British paper said.

The organization was one of the fundamentalist groups that had found refuge on Afghan soil, lending fighters for the Taliban regime's war on the Northern Alliance opposition, and had good relations with al-Qaida.

The aide went first to the Americans, travelling across the border to meet the US consul general in the Pakistani border town of Peshawar, in the third week of July 2001.

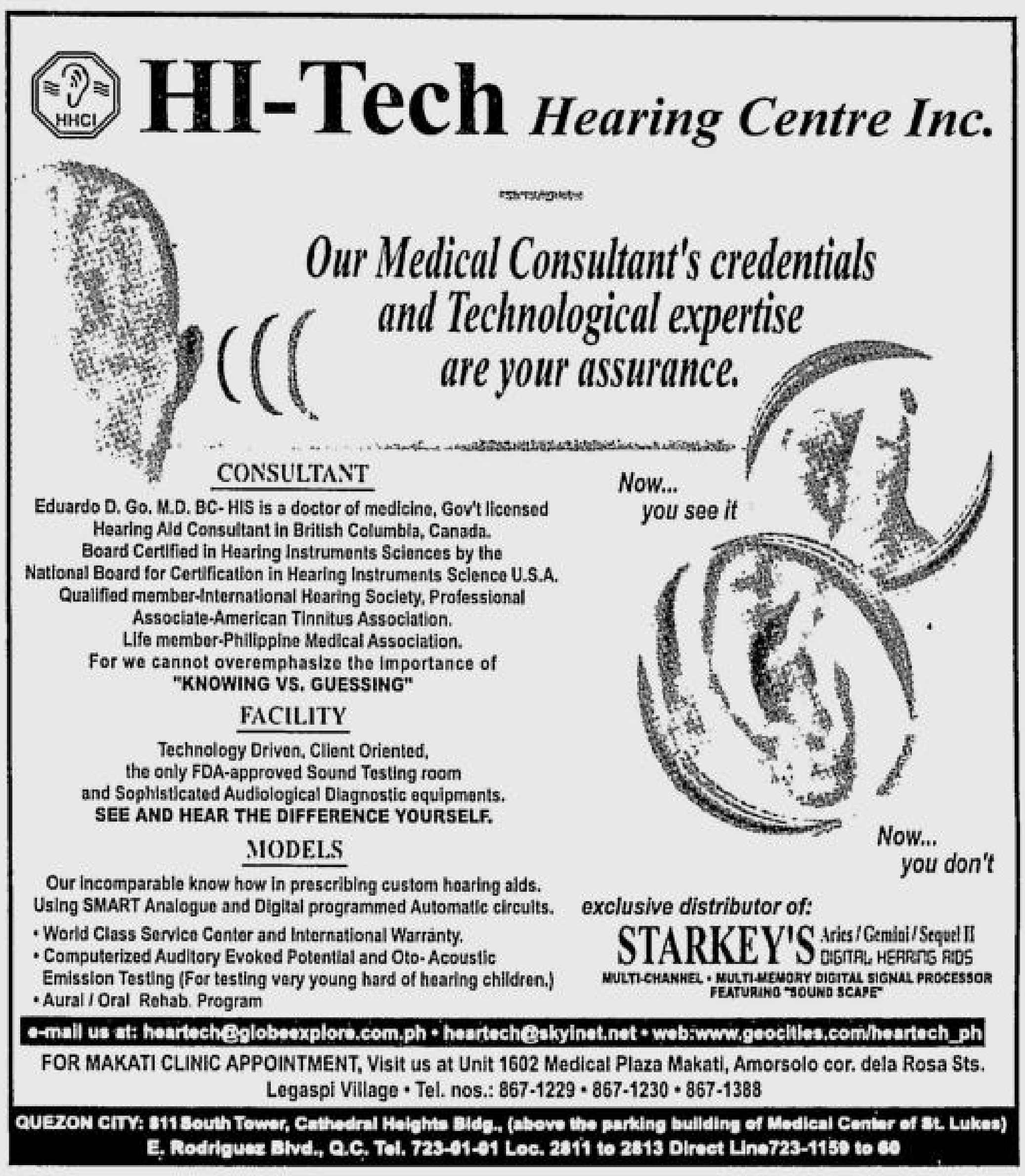
The Afghan aide did not, however, reveal that the warning was from Muttawakil, rather than his own message, a factor that might have led the Americans to downgrade it, the Independent said.

When Muttawakil's emissary returned to Kabul, the foreign minister told him to see UN officials.

He took the warning to the Kabul offices of UNSMA, the political wing of the UN. The officials heard him out, but did not report the secret Taliban warning to UN headquarters, the British paper reported. *AFP*

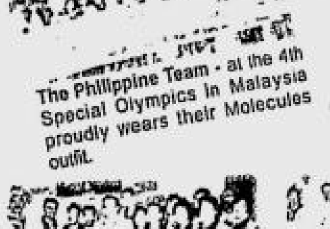
US REP. Melissa Hart, R-PA, looks at Ground Zero where the World Trade Center towers collapsed, Sept. 6 in New York City. The US Congress met earlier at Federal Hall in New York as a show of solidarity with the city. AFP

The Best Solution for CONTAMINATED Deep Well water
Blue Capsule
Centralized Water Filter System
Fresh Clean Water all the time.
The Blue Capsule Centralized Water Filter System - Is a water filtration equipment that eliminates harmful substances. Installed after your main line or water meter, it assures total removal of color, odor, corrotion, iron, bad taste, excess chlorine and other suspended materials giving you fresh and clean water from all your water sources. Thus, you are assured of filtered water for cooking, bathing, washing and for all household purposes.
PROVEN EFFECTIVE 12 Years
NOW AVAILABLE NEW MODEL AT CHEAPER PRICE!
We also MANUFACTURE FIBER GLASS WATER TANK
Fiber Glass Water Tank
Fiber Glass Pressure Tank
Sam Chemical & Industrial Equipment Corporation
35 Garnet St., Pilar Village Las Piñas
Tel. Nos.: 806-5922 • 8055094
MAJOR CREDIT CARDS HONORED

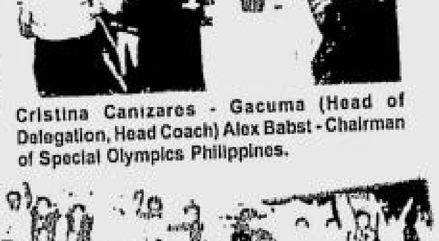


HHCI HI-Tech Hearing Centre Inc.
Our Medical Consultant's credentials and Technological expertise are your assurance.
CONSULTANT
Eduardo D. Go. M.D. BC- HIS is a doctor of medicine, Gov't licensed Hearing Aid Consultant in British Columbia, Canada.
Board Certified in Hearing Instruments Sciences by the National Board for Certification in Hearing Instruments Science U.S.A.
Qualified member-International Hearing Society, Professional Associate-American Tinnitus Association.
Life member-Philippine Medical Association.
For we cannot overemphasize the importance of "KNOWING VS. GUESSING"
FACILITY
Technology Driven, Client Oriented, the only FDA-approved Sound Testing room and Sophisticated Audiological Diagnostic equipments.
SEE AND HEAR THE DIFFERENCE YOURSELF.
MODELS
Our incomparable know how in prescribing custom hearing aids. Using SMART Analogue and Digital programmed Automatic circuits.
• World Class Service Center and International Warranty.
• Computerized Auditory Evoked Potential and Oto- Acoustic Emission Testing (For testing very young hard of hearing children.)
• Aural / Oral Rehab. Program
Now... you see it
Now... you don't
exclusive distributor of:
STARKEY'S Aries / Gemini / Sequel II DIGITAL HEARING AIDS
MULTI-CHANNEL • MULTI-MEMORY DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSOR FEATURING "SOUND SCAPE"
e-mail us at: heartech@globeexplore.com.ph • heartech@skyinet.net • web:www.geocities.com/heartech_ph
FOR MAKATI CLINIC APPOINTMENT, Visit us at Unit 1602 Medical Plaza Makati, Amorsolo cor. dela Rosa Sts. Legaspi Village • Tel. nos.: 867-1229 • 867-1230 • 867-1388
QUEZON CITY: 811 South Tower, Cathedral Heights Bldg., (above the parking building of Medical Center of St. Lukes) E. Rodriguez Blvd., Q.C. Tel. 723-01-01 Loc. 2811 to 2813 Direct Line723-1159 to 60

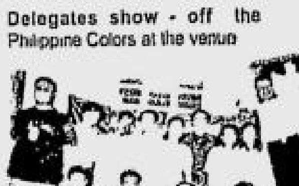
Molecules creates design of sharing and giving to special kids.
Beyond the business of apparel, our socio-civic projects take on a deeper meaning to our beneficiaries. So, each time you purchase our shirts, you can be assured we give something back to the community.
Molacules, Marvin bring smiles to special kids
Molecules, together with celebrity image model Marvin Agustin brought smiles to the faces of the students at Teacher-mom, a center for special children in Makati City.
Molecules provided the kids' sports gear, which included shirts and official jackets for their special Olympics which was held in Malaysia last August 8-11, 2002.
The socio-civic drive was led by Molecules' Operations Manager, Robert Tan, Mrs. Cherry Yau, General Manager, and Agustin. This is a part of a series of outreach projects launched by the Molecules family aimed at giving something back to the community which, for the past years has made the company grow.
Molecules chose Teacher-Mom, a center operated by the Foundation for Children's Educational Integration, Inc. for its special way of harnessing responsibility and care to provide for the special needs for special people.
The center provides a one-to-one or group approach with a wholistic touch in catering to the needs of individual patients.
Center staff are qualified and trained professionals in the fields of special education, psychology, occupational speech and physical therapies.



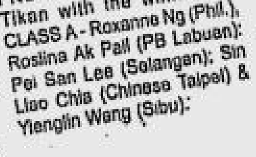
The Philippine Team - at the 4th Special Olympics in Malaysia proudly wears their Molecules outfit.



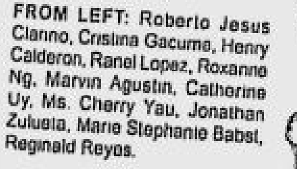
Cristina Canizares - Gacuma (Head of Delegation, Head Coach) Alex Babst - Chairman of Special Olympics Philippines.



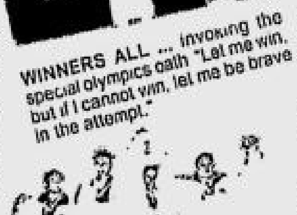
Delegates show - off the Philippine Colors at the venue



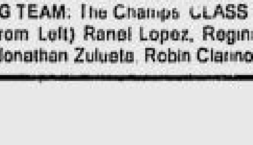
FROM LEFT: Ms. Pungut Tikan with the winners of CLASS A - Roxanne Ng (Phil.), Roslina Ak Pali (PB Labuan); Sin Pei San Lee (Solangen); Sin Liao Chia (Chinese Taipei) & Yienglin Wang (Sibu).



FROM LEFT: Roberto Jesus Clarino, Cristina Gacuma, Henry Calderon, Ranel Lopez, Roxanne Ng, Marvin Agustin, Catherine Uy, Ms. Cherry Yau, Jonathan Zulueta, Marie Stephanie Babst, Reginald Reyes.



WINNERS ALL ... invoking the special olympics oath "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."



WINNING TEAM: The Champs CLASS B boys (From Left) Ranel Lopez, Reginal Reyes, Jonathan Zulueta, Robin Clarino

RP team reaps 6 Gold Medals at the 4th Asian Zone Special Olympics in Malaysia
By: Cristina Canizares - Gacuma
The Special Olympics Federal Territory of LABUAN, hosted the 4th Special Olympics Invitational Ten Pin Bowling Competition last August 8-11 at the WPL Bowling Center at Labuan, Malaysia. It attracted one hundred twelve differently-abled participants from Chinese Tapei, Macau, Philippines, Selangor and Kuala Lumpur, Sarawak (Kuching, Miri, Sibu) and Sabah.
Mr. Alex Babst, chairman of Special Olympics Philippines, shares that Special Olympics is an international organization that is dedicated to empowering individuals who are intellectually disabled to become physically fit, productive, respected members of society through sports training and competition. Special Olympics provides children and adults who are mentally challenged year round training and competition in 26 Olympic type summer and winter sports.
Nine athletes with special needs and five officials represented the RP delegation to compete at the 4th Asian Zone SPECIAL OLYMPICS. Everybody emerged as winners.
The Champion team for the Male Division-Division B, were composed of Roberto Jesus Clarino (471), Jonathan Daniel Zulueta (359), Reginald Reyes (322) and Antonio Ranel Lopez (283).
For the Female Mixed Division-Division C, the bronze medalist were Catherine Uy (308); Roxanne Salve NG (471); Marie Stephanie Babst (278) and Henry Calderon (446).
For the Mixed Team Event,Jeffrey Calon place third in Class-C q\with 482 points. He played with the athletes from PDK Labuan and PDK Miri.
The final round was action filled as each athlete tried their best to win the top position. At the end of two (2) rounds, 21 year old Roxanne Ng with a score of 225 from Teacher-Mom Foundation emerged as champion for Class A. Catherine UY of Elsie Gaches Village bowled her way as gold medalist in Class B with 175 points and Marie Stephanie Babst of Cupertino Center finished third place, bronze medalist with a total score of 142 in the individual female age group, Class B.
With patience, determination and a pure fighting heart, Roberto Jesus Clarino of Teacher-Mom scored 231 points and Henry Calderon of Elsie Gaches with 163 points of Class A placed third and fourth respectively earning two more bronze medals for the Philippines.
Other Filipino athletes with bronze medals were Jonathan Zulueta (Teacher-Mom) with a score of 220 pinfalls and Jeffrey Calon (EGV), 154 points of Class B; Reginald Reyes (Teacher-Mom), 154 pins from Class C and Antonio Ranel Lopez (Teacher-Mom), 130 points of Class D
Regardless of the final outcome, all players came out winners because of the sportsmanship, camaraderie, greater self confidence and more positive self-image gained from the tournament, Ms. Cristy Gacuma, head and official delegate enthuses.
The RP team shares this victory to all FILIPINOS. These partnership is a joint project with Power Bowl at Rockwell, training ground of the special athletes and Molecules who showed their commitment by providing the official outfit. They also share a common goal with Special Olympics and Teacher-Mom Foundation which is to create public awareness for the welfare of the intellectually challenged. The athletes are preparing for the National Games on December and the Special Olympics 2003 World Summer Games in Dublin, Ireland.
ADVT.

YOUR RELIABLE BUSINESS PARTNER
Diary (Calendar)
* daily, weekly, monthly diary
* timetable up to year 2100
* up to 1200 appointments
* write appointment details up to 160 characters
* to do list up to 60 items
Directory (Phonebook)
* stores 24 entries per name
* up to 500 names in your phonebook (+ 250 in your simcard)
* with four (4) phonebook directories (simcard, general, work & personal)
* can create personalized directory
Text Messages (SMS)
* up to 90 messages
* can identify if the text message sent was not received
* group SMS
ONE TOUCH 501
P8,990 (OPEN LINE)
HANDSFREE SPEAKER PHONE, VOICE DIAL, DICTAPHONE, VIBRA, WAP, BUILT-IN FAX CALCULATOR, CURRENCY CONVERTER, PC SYNCHRONIZATION, 8 LINER, LITHIUM BATTERY
AVAILABLE @ THE FOLLOWING STORES: ADI TELECOM (Head Office: 3720022 to29) Manila Branches: SM Fairview, Parksquare, Rustan's-Cubao, Farmers Plaza-Cubao, SM Southmall, SM North EDSA Luzon Branches: SM Bacoor (046-4176823), Pavillion Mall-Laguna (049-4117041), Fiestamall-Batangas (043-4041908), SM Pampanga (045-8750035), Jenra Mall-Pampanga (045-8875085) Metrotown 1&2-Tarlac (045-9823276) Session Road-Baguio (074-3042920), Cooyeesan Mall (074-4450802), Inca Bldg.-Naga (054-4733584) Visayas: SM Cebu (032-2340281) Mindanao: JS Gaisano (082-2222419) SM Davao (082-2974285) WELLCOM/T.I.D. (Head Office: 8890021 to 23) SM North EDSA, SM Fairview, Waltermart, Riverbanks, Sta. Lucia East Grand Mall, The Market Place, SM Centerpoint, Glorietta, SM Manila, Tutuban Center SM Southmall, Filinvest Festival Super Mall, Metropolist Alabang, Robinsons-Imus, SM Bacoor, Gen. Trias, Waltermart Sta. Rosa, Los Baños, SM Pampanga DIALCOM/MOBILE EXPRESS (Head Office: 6345892) SM North EDSA, SM Megamall,SM Southmall ULB INTERNATIONAL (Head Office: 6357546) SM North EDSA, SM Fairview, Sta. Lucia East Grand Mall, SM Megamall, SM Centerpoint, SM Manila, SM Southmall, Virramall Greenhills MEGA CELLULAR (Head Office: 5265151) Farmers Plaza, Big R Fairview, SM Cubao, Big R Cainta, Robinsons Ortigas, Star Mall, EDSA Mall Metropoint, SM Manila, Robinsons Ermita, Metropolist Alabang, Harrison Plaza, Filinvest Festival Super Mall, Robinsons Imus EXCELL (Head Office: 7345164) Escolta, SM North EDSA, SM Southmall, SM Sucat, SM Centerpoint, Grand Central WIRELESS/EPMC (Head Office: 6381111) SM Megamall, Shangri-la Plaza, SM Megamall, SM Centerpoint, SM Southmall
WE ACCEPT DEALERS! Call 3720022 to 29 loc. 230 Look for Chichi or Racquel
ALCATEL
Distributed by: Ackers Phils., Inc.

A14 PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2002

NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU
Room 201, Bonuan Apartelle
10 Happy Glen Loop, Baguio City
Tel. No. (074)443-9255
Fax No. (074)443-8971
E-mail: inq_baguio@inquirer.com.ph

SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU
23 Aurora St., Old Albay District
Legazpi City
Tel. No. (052) 820-8402
Fax No. (052) 820-1274
E-mail: inq_bicol@inquirer.com.ph

Across the NATION
Assistant Editor **Tony Bergonia**

VISAYAS BUREAU
c/o Cebu Daily News
18-15 Escario St., Cebu City
Tel Nos. (032) 233-0346/233-0349
Fax No. (032) 232-9938
E-mail: pdivis@skyinet.net

MINDANAO BUREAU
FEP Printing Corp Bldg
Ma-a Road, Davao City
Tel. No. (082)244-1770 to 71
Fax No. (082)244-1771
E-mail: pdiminda@dv.weblinq.com

US plane landings unauthorized: Ople

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE—Foreign Affairs Secretary Blas Ople has confirmed that landings and refueling stops of US military aircraft at Basco airport in Batanes are "not authorized" by the Philippine government.

This was learned Thursday from Negros Occidental Rep. Jose Apolinario Lozada who also said that Ople had ordered an investigation.

During a meeting Wednesday at the Manila Hotel, Lozada, chair of the House committee on foreign relations, said Ople had told him that he "did not know of any agreement (allowing the activities) in Batanes."

Lozada elevated the issue to Ople to seek a reply to the queries that Batanes Rep. Florencio Abad raised in a resolution earlier addressed to the national defense and foreign affairs departments.

In Wednesday's meeting, Lozada said Ople made the statements in the presence of his undersecretaries and assistant secretaries.

Lozada warned that his committee will file a diplomatic protest with the US if no agreement really covers the US use of the Batanes airport. "If they had no clearance, that would be a violation of our air space," Lozada told the INQUIRER.

The government agencies that gave the US military aircraft the permission to land and refuel were now being investigated, he added.

On Wednesday, however, the Presidential Commission on the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFACom), an inter-agency body monitoring the conduct of Philippine-US military exercises and which Ople also co-chairs with Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes, issued a statement seeking to put the controversy to rest.

"Landings of US military aircraft in Basco airport in Batanes recently have been cleared for refueling by the Air Transport Office (ATO) and are consistent with previously approved flight plans," said Ambassador Jaime Yambao, VFACom executive director, in a statement.

Lozada and Abad both sounded off confusion over what appeared to be conflicting statements from Ople and Yambao.

In separate phone interviews, the two lawmen explained they have not received any report from the commission in connection with the Batanes flights of US military aircraft.

Yambao was not in his office when the INQUIRER contacted VFACom on Thursday and had not returned a call.

But Yambao, in another part of the statement, cited three reasons why those activities were allowed. He said "US military aircraft may land in Basco in connection with the joint Philippine-US military exercises, with the blanket clearance of Operation Enduring Freedom, and of the Philippines' adherence to international conventions on aircraft in distress."

Aircraft in distress refer to short-range planes that have to make a brief stop to refuel through another aircraft capable of providing fuel such as a KC-130.

"The reported landings of US aircraft involved in Philippine-US exercises in Basco constitute a small number compared to those in Laoag (in Ilocos Norte) and other airports. They normally are short-ranged US military planes originating from Japan and which are appropriate to the exercises concerned," he noted.

"Upon reaching the Batanes area, these planes would be running out of fuel and by then would actually be in distress. The helicopters, which landed in Basco, were part of the regular Carat exercise and flew from Japan. As they are short-range aircraft, they had to refuel in Basco from a KC-130 aircraft," Yambao added.

The last known US landings at Basco were on Aug. 2. On the same day, at least four CH-53 helicopters also made emergency landings in Sta. Cruz, Zambales, damaging some 10 hectares of ricefield there, affected farmers reported.

Carat is the regularly held Cooperation Afloat Readiness Training, which was concluded last July at the Subic Bay Freeport Zone in Zambales under the VFA.

It had been in effect since 1999 when the Senate ratified it under the 51-year-old Philippine-US Mutual Defense Treaty.

Yambao said, "there has been a marked increased in the entry of US military aircraft since the VFA was approved and the Philippine-US joint and combined military exercises were resumed (in 1999)."

He added: "US aircraft participate in many events of the exercise, many of them used in transporting personnel and equipment to the venues of Balikatan and other Philippine-US military exercises.

"US request for diplomatic clearances for US aircraft participating in Philippine-US military exercises usually indicate Basco if a stop at that point is expected."

In the same VFACom statement, Assistant Secretary Adelberto Yap of the Air Transportation Office was also quoted as confirming that there had been "no damage" to the Basco airport as a result of the landings and takeoffs.

"So far, no complaints (about the runway) have been received by the office from commercial airlines that use the airport regularly," Yap said, clarifying that it is the ATO, not the provincial government, that maintains the Basco airport.

Yambao, after claiming to have requested the ATO to look into the reports of damages, added that the ATO would "not clear the refueling stops if these would lead to damages."

Citing statements from ATO officials, he also said secondary airports like that in Basco could accommodate C-130 cargo planes "without resulting in damages."

Abad said the landings and takeoffs had scoured the runway and insisted that the Basco airport was "not designed for night landing," which US aircraft sometimes did in recent years.

"These land at night, putting our residents at risks," he told the INQUIRER. "We are on the frontline yet we are not informed (of these activities."

MINING workers carry sacks of gold ore from the tunnel to one of many gold ore ball mills in Mt. Diwata, Monkayo, Compostela Valley.

EDWIN BACASMAS

Diwalwal folk to bar foreign miners

MT. DIWATA, Compostela Valley—The unexpected visit here of US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone and Michael Yates, director of the US Aid for International Development (USAid) has alarmed small-scale miners here who said they were ready to die to bar the entry of foreign mining firms in the area.

The American officials had accompanied President Macapagal-Arroyo who came here on Thursday.

Barangay captain Francisco Tito, one of the leaders of the small miners, said the possible entry of foreign mining firms will only complicate the situation in the area where the small miners recently bagged contracts from the government.

Tito added that aside from US mining companies, Canadian firms were also interested in Mt. Diwata, also known as Diwalwal.

Canadian Ambassador Robert Collete earlier told reporters in Davao City that his country would like to explore possible partnership with the Philippine government to develop the gold-rush area.

Collete issued the statement after the government took over the violence-prone area.

But Ricciardone allayed fears about the possible entry of US companies.

He said that America's participation here will be limited to the building of infrastructure and the lending of expertise to further develop the area.

"The entry of foreign companies might complicate the bright future of Diwalwal," Ricciardone said.

Ms Macapagal also sought to allay the fear of the miners by saying the USAid will only help the government assess what development programs would suit the area.

Aside from the Americans, the President said other groups such as the Chamber of Mines, were willing to help the small-scale miners.

Ms Macapagal announced she will officially proclaim Mt. Diwata as a government mining reserve on October 11.

The declaration, she said, will allow small miners to use at least 25 percent of the area.

But the President said 75 percent of Mt. Diwata will be handed over to medium and large-scale miners.

Tito said it was alright if the government allows big mining players although steps have to be taken so they would not monopolize the industry. *Ayan C. Mellejor and Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

6 killed in Pangasinan vehicle collision

URDANETA CITY—Six people were killed after the van they were riding in collided with a Baguio City-bound bus along the national highway in Barangay Anonas here on Friday night.

Supt. Raul Petrasanta, city police chief, said the Hyundai Grace van was cruising the national highway at 10:25 p.m. Friday when it swerved to the opposite lane and crashed into a Victory Liner bus. The impact instantly killed the driver and five passengers of the van that reportedly came from Ilocos Norte.

Police said no one among the bus passengers was hurt.

Petrasanta said they have identified only three of the six fatalities. They were Tony Obaldo Jr. and his wife Lucila Obaldo, both of Makati City, and Maria Arevalo. The victims were taken to the Cabanilla funeral parlor in this city.

He said the bus driver, Iñigo Fernandez, fled after the accident. However, Fernandez was expected to surrender to the city police on Saturday afternoon.

"Officials of Victory Liner are coordinating with the city police," Petrasanta said. *Yolanda Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM
Financial Center, Pasay City, Metro Manila 1308

INVITATION TO BID

The **GSIS BIDDING COMMITTEE** shall conduct a public bidding for the sale of the following Residential/Commercial buildings and lots foreclosed/acquired properties on SEPTEMBER 17, 2002, at the GSIS Headquarters Bldg., Financial Center, Roxas Blvd., Pasay City.

DESCRIPTION & LOCATION of Property	TCT No.	Area (Sq.m.)	Minimum Bid
APARTMENT BLDGS.			
1. Six-Door, 2-storey building 534 Cordillera St. Mandaluyong City	59983	300	P 4,975,000.00
2. Ten-Door, 2-storey building 161 EDSA & Sierra Madre St. Mandaluyong City	60110	495	18,153,000.00
COMMERCIAL BLDG.			
3. 8-storey building w/ basement Legaspi St., Greenbelt, Makati City (formerly PAL Bldg.)	207426 & 207427	870 896	561,512,000.00

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Interested parties are required to secure copies of: (a) **INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS and (b) BID FORMS** from the Disposition of Assets Department, 5th Level, Core "C", GSIS Headquarters Bldg., Financial Center, Roxas Blvd., Pasay City.
2. Sealed proposals in triplicate will be received at the Lounge, 5th Level, Core "C", GSIS Headquarters Bldg., Financial Center, Roxas Blvd., Pasay City starting **8:00 A.M. BUT NOT LATER THAN 1:30 P.M. on SEPTEMBER 17, 2002** and immediately after which, the proposals will be opened in the presence of the attending bidders.
3. Each bid proposal shall be accompanied by a **DEPOSIT IN CASH or CERTIFIED CASHIER's/ MANAGER's CHECK** issued in Metro Manila, payable to GSIS in an amount equivalent to at least **TEN (10%) PERCENT** of the total bid price.
4. Properties will be sold on **"AS IS, WHERE IS BASIS"** and the winning bidder shall take possession without seeking assistance from the GSIS.
5. If the bidder who submitted the best offer refuses to push through with the purchase of the property for which he/she auctioned during and after the bidding, his/her deposit will be FORFEITED and failure of bidding shall be declared.
6. ALL AWARDS BY THE BIDDING COMMITTEE ARE SUBJECT TO THE FINAL APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT and GENERAL MANAGER and/or BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

(Sgd.) ARNALDO C. CUASAY
OIC-Office of the Sr. Vice President
Housing and Real Property Dev't Group

August 18, 25 & September 8, 2002 – Inquirer

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM
Dumaguete Branch Office
DUMAGUETE CITY

INVITATION TO BID

The GSIS IN-HOUSE BIDDING COMMITTEE (IHBC) shall conduct a public bidding for the sale of a GSIS property the details of which follow hereunder:

PROPERTY LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	TCT NO.	AREA (SQ.M.)	MINIMUM BID
GSIS Property (North Pole Hotel) L Rovira East Drive, Bantayan, Dumaguete City	A two-storey, 23 room hotel facing the sea with swimming pool, two bunkhouses, located in a residential district one kilometer from the city proper and the airport.	TCT-24245	4,932	Php 18,300,000.00

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Interested parties are required to secure copies of (a) INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS, and (b) BID FORMS from the Chief, Administrative Division, GSIS, North National Highway, Daro, Dumaguete City.
2. Sealed proposals in triplicate will be received by the Chief, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION, GSIS Dumaguete Branch, North National Highways, Daro, Dumaguete City, NOT LATER THAN 2:00 P.M. October 4, 2002 and immediately thereafter, all proposals will be opened in the presence of attending bidders.
3. Each bid proposal shall be accompanied by a DEPOSIT IN CASH or CERTIFIED CASHIER'S/MANAGER'S CHECK issued in Dumaguete City, payable to GSIS in the amount equivalent to TEN (10%) PERCENT of the total bid price.
4. Properties will be sold on "AS-IS, WHERE-IS BASIS" and the winning bidder shall take possession of the property without seeking any assistance from the GSIS.
5. If the bidder, who has been declared to have submitted the best offer, refuses to push through with the purchase of the property, his/her deposit shall be FORFEITED and failure of bidding shall be declared.
6. ALL AWARDS BY THE BIDDING COMMITTEE ARE SUBJECT TO THE FINAL APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER and/or BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

(Sgd.) LYDIA A. SANCHEZ
Branch Manager

September 8, 15 & 22, 2002 – Inquirer

ROUNDUP

2 rapists nabbed

STA. CRUZ, Laguna—Police here arrested last week two suspected rapists who allegedly victimized on separate occasions two pupils in Pila and Sta. Cruz towns. OIC provincial police director Sr. Supt. Arnulfo Espiritu said one of the suspects, Bryan A. Cura, 23, of Barangay Labuin, Pila, allegedly raped and stabbed a ten-year-old pupil of the same village on Aug. 25. Supt. Amado Sadili, Pila police chief, said the victim was confined to the hospital for stab wounds. Sta. Cruz police also arrested Renato B. Capistrano, 46, a tricycle driver of Barangay Sto. Angel Sur here last week after he was caught molesting an eight-year-old girl inside the Garden of Peace Cemetery at Barangay Bagumbayan.

Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Dengue cases down

LEGAZPI CITY—Dengue cases from January to Aug. 24 have decreased in the Bicol region by 60.7 percent compared to the same period last year. Department of Health records showed Camarines Sur as having the highest dengue cases with 138. It was followed by Albay with 69 cases, Catanduanes, 57 and Naga City, 30. Legazpi and Masbate both have five cases. To avoid the dengue fever, the DOH Center for Health Development reminded the citizens to follow the four o'clock habit and other preventive measures.

Michael B. Jaucian, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Free eye surgery

LEGAZPI CITY—At least 1, 779 patients from eight towns of the first and third district of Albay were screened for cataract surgery last month. The activity was in line with the sight-saving month. The local government and Department of Health physicians supported the operations. Forty patients with eye diseases were provided with medicines and 827 patients aged 29 to 77 were able to avail of free reading glasses provided by the Simon of Cyrene of Legazpi. Four eye specialist from the Philippine Academy of Opthalmology performed free surgical operations at the Ziga Memorial Hospital last Aug. 15-16.

Michael B. Jaucian, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

INQUIRER*Mindanao*
Editor Jun Bandayrel • *Bureau Chief* Nico A. Alconaba

Seeds of dissent amid the forests

By Ma. Kristina E. Cassion
Surigao del Sur

UPROOT: (verb); *syn displace: to remove from office, status or job.*

Sometime in June, 1997, Picop Resources Inc. (PRI), the country's biggest manufacturer of newsprint and other paper products based in Surigao del Sur, began downsizing, shutting down its plywood and paper mill sections.

"I was one of the 800 workers from the plywood section alone who were retrenched," recalled Artemio Avila, president of the workers' union. "It was not clear if we would be recalled. The company refused to transfer us to other sections. We have families to feed, and children to clothe and send to school, but our hands are tied because of this uncertainty."

At the height of its operations in 1970, PRI, then known as Paper Industries Corp. of the Philippines (Picop) had a workforce of about 18,000 regulars.

A decade later, the number was reduced to about 15,000. In 1996, it further dropped to 8,000 as the company installed modern machineries.

When PRI adopted a labor contractualization scheme, the number of regular workers decreased to 3,351, and later to 150 with 8,000 contractuals.

The retrenched workers filed a notice of strike in 1997 and launched their work stoppage in January 1998. The protest action lasted for three months and was marred by violent dispersals and attacks on the picketlines by members of the paramilitary Special Cafgu Active Auxiliary (SCAA) and guards of the Mission Security Agency, all maintained by PRI.

Charges

Criminal charges, believed to be trumped-up, were filed against several workers. The 5-year-old son of one of the strikers was even accused of coercion.

Avila said the company violated the collective bargaining agreement (CBA), which required it to consult the union before it implements any closure of operation.

But Edgar Vega, PRI industrial relations officer, countered that it was the strikers who violated a return-to-work order issued by the Department of Labor and Employment. "The Supreme Court already ruled that the strike was illegal," so PRI has no obligation to pay the workers, Vega said.

Strikes and labor dispute cases have hounded PRI in over 50 years of existence. Cases reaching the courts have yet to be resolved, while the fate of the displaced workers have remained uncertain.

To support their families, the workers have been forced to turn to farming and plant bananas, vegetables and root crops inside PRI's logging concession area. But even there, their nightmares have haunted them.

"PRI wouldn't leave us alone," said Simeon Cervantes, 65, who was laid off in 1993.

Last July 12, Cervantes and seven other workers were busy planting when they saw a fire and immediately put it out. But armed PRI guards came and arrested them. The workers were detained at the Bislig police station and the following day, they were charged with illegal occupation and arson.

Harassment

"It was a clear example of harassment," Cervantes said. While saying he was aware of the law and that they had no right to settle and farm there, he lamented that, "in the first place, I was retrenched without pay. I had nowhere to turn to other than farming. I was already old when I was laid-off and no one would give me a job."

Alex Magalona, chapter chairperson of the Kahugpongan sa mga Mag-uuma sa Surigao del Sur in Lingig town, who was retrenched in 1978 and has turned to farming, recounted cases of crop burning and confiscation of his farm implements.

There were persistent reports that even houses were burned or bulldozed, crops uprooted or cut down like grasses, fruit trees felled with chainsaws, and plantations burned with kerosene and fuel oil to check immediate regeneration. Worse, some farmers who resisted orders to leave were allegedly fired upon with M-16 and M-14 rifles.

The reports emerged from communities along the main highway and in the interior parts of the 190,000-hectare concession area of PRI.

In December last year, three houses were destroyed in the remote village of San Roque in Bislig City, allegedly by some 20 SCAA members and two Army soldiers. Other houses were marked "*Napulo na lang ka kaadlaw*" as warning to their owners that in 10 days. they will meet the same fate.

"We are not harassing anyone," said Christina Resma, PRI corporate relations officer. The company was "only protecting what's ours."

Resma said PRI has "good relations" with the barangay officials. "They even give us certificates of appreciation because of our outreach programs," she said.

Concession areas

PRI, formerly Bislig Bay Lumber Co. Inc. (BBLCI) acquired its concession areas from the government through the issuance of two timber license agreements (TLAs) in the 1950s. The combined areas covered 187,750.42 hectares of land in Compostela Valley, Davao Oriental, Agusan del Sur and Surigao del Sur. The company's pulp and paper mills are found in Tabon, Bislig City.

The TLAs allowed the cutting of all tree species, except *almaciga* within the concession areas and required the company to establish tree plantations to maintain ecological balance.

On May 24, 1952, Timber License Agreement No. 43 was issued to BBCLI by the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources' Bureau of Forestry. The 25-year contract covered 121,587 hectares of land, excluding more than 21,000 has. of alienable and disposable (A&D) land, in Bunawan, Agusan del Sur; Bislig and Lingig in Surigao del Sur; Monkayo and Compostela towns in Compostela Valley; and Cateel and Baganga of Davao Oriental.

The contract expired on April 26, 1977 and was immediately renewed for 25 more years. The extended period ended last April 25.

BBLCI was granted the Pulpwood and Timber License Agreement (PTLA) No. 47 on March 8, 1956, covering three blocks of permanent forest with a total land area of 66,163.42 has. The contract was amended on Sept. 12, 1968 to include specific areas in Bislig, Hinatuan and Lianga in Surigao del Sur and in the municipal districts of Cabantao, Rosario and Mambalili.

The agreement expired on June 30, 1981 and it was renewed by the company, then renamed Picop, on July 3 of the same year. The contract expires on Feb. 7, 2006.

Lease agreements

On Nov. 15, 1982, Picop was granted Industrial Tree Plantation Lease Agreement (ITPLA) No. 96 allowing it to establish tree plantations from which to draw supplies to its existing and proposed wood processing ventures.

The 25-year contract, which will expire on Dec. 31, 2007, covers three blocks with a total area of 54,380 has. of land in Bislig, Lingig, Tagbina, Barobo and Hinatuan in Surigao del Sur; and in Bunawan, Rosario, Trento and San Francisco in Agusan del Sur. The blocks were also within the concession areas stated in the TLAs.

On Jan. 19, 1994 ITPLA No. 96 was converted into Integrated Forest Plantation Management Agreement (Ifma) No. 35, according to a letter sent to Picop by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Essentially, only the name of the contract was changed but the areas covered and some provisions were still adopted.

The company, now known as PRI, adopted a seven-year Comprehensive Management and Development Plan in August, 2000, for plantation sites covered by Ifma No. 35. It cited the need to raise P2.139 billion to finance the harvesting operations and P341.23 million for plantation development.

In a letter sent to President Macapagal-Arroyo last July 22, PRI officials reported that they had contributed about P200 million yearly as revenues to the national and local governments, aside from giving "meaningful jobs and livelihood programs aimed to preserve the loss of 8,000 jobs with 200,000 dependents, avoid economic dislocation and save the remaining forests."

They described the company's achievements over the past 50 years with an outlook of "serving public interest to promote industries that will enhance the proper conservation of our forest resources as well as insure the maximum utilization thereof to the benefit of the national economy."

Protest actions

During the same period, PRI also confronted strikes, rallies, pickets, barricades and lawsuits. Militant workers and farmers organizations, such as the Kilusang Mayo Uno, Kamass, Bugkos and the Promotion of Church People's Response (PCPR), were at the forefront of the protest actions.

The most recent rally was staged on Aug. 12 by around 2,000 members of militant and "reformist" groups to oppose the conversion of TLA No. 43 into an Ifma.

The protesters listed several demands before the government allowed PRI to continue its operation. Foremost of the demands is the termination of the company's monopoly over less than 200,000 hectares of concession area which, they said, constrained small tree farmers from hauling and selling their logs.

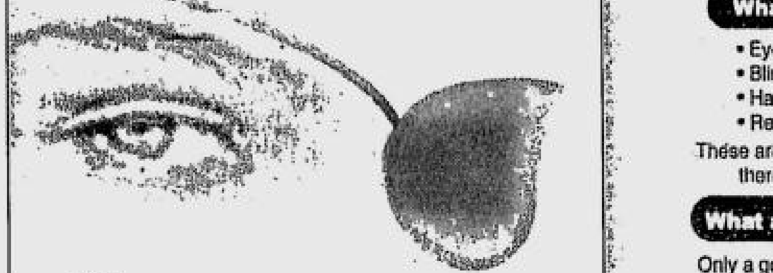
"This is to give the tree farmers equitable access to forest resources, allow business communities to flourish, and halt harassments," said Florio Josafat Jr., chair of the farmers alliance Bibahilita (Bislig, Barobo, Hinatuan, Lingig and Tagbina).

The groups summoned PRI's social responsibility by endorsing or turning over watershed areas to the local governments for the management and rational utilization of sources of potable water and irrigation.

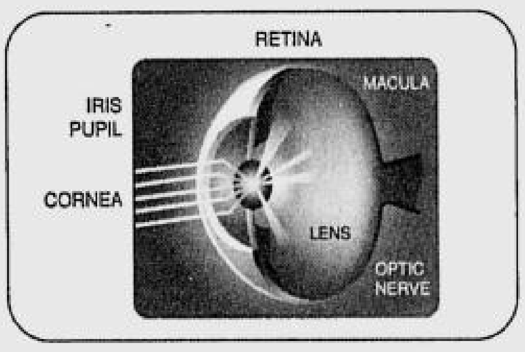
With liberalized company operations, economic conditions will automatically improve as more jobs will be generated, they said.

Small forest-based businesses pushed for equitable access to forest-based products coming from titled land areas and stewardship contracts.

WHAT IS GLAUCOMA?



Glaucoma is a progressively blinding disease wherein the optic nerve sustains irreversible damage leading to permanent loss in the field of vision. There are many types of glaucoma. The more common type is usually associated with elevated eye pressure.



What are the symptoms of glaucoma?

- Eye pain or heaviness
- Blind spots or tunnel vision
- Haloes around lights
- Redness

These are not specific for glaucoma. In fact most of the time, there are no symptoms at all until it is too late.

What are the diagnostic signs of glaucoma?

Only a good evaluation by an ophthalmologist can detect glaucoma. Special tests are usually required.

The following may indicate glaucoma:

- Optic nerve abnormalities
- Visual field defects
- Elevated eye pressure
- Hampered drainage of the (aqueous) fluid in the eye

What are the risk factors of the development of glaucoma?

Glaucoma has many associated factors. Among them are:

- A family history of glaucoma
- High degree of near-sightedness or far-sightedness
- Diabetes, hypertension and other disorders affecting the blood vessels
- Other eye diseases
- Use of some oral and eye medications especially steroids

However, absence of risk factors do not ensure the absence of glaucoma.

What are the benefits of early detection?

Early detection can prevent the progression toward blindness.

If recognized early, certain cases may be arrested with laser treatment.

Many cases are treated by lowering eye pressure using eye drops.

Some cases may need surgery especially if optic nerve damage is relentless and severe or the glaucoma is unresponsive to medical therapy.

How can doctors detect glaucoma?

An ophthalmologist will have no trouble detecting glaucoma. They analyze the optic nerve during eye examinations and check your eye pressure.

To clinch the diagnosis, visual field test is performed using a computerized visual field analysis.

galileo SURGICENTER

The Galileo EYECARE System is a Quality-Driven Process of Systematic Eye Examination designed to detect eye diseases early. Galileo EYECARE System is Technology in the Hands of Caring People

To find out more, visit us at the G/F Belson House, 271 EDSA, (near the corner of Connecticut Street), Mandaluyong City Consultation Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday - Saturday. Call for an appointment: 721-7135 or 721-6412.
For more information about our facilities: http://www.i-gsc.com

SEAGIG 2002
GLAUCOMA: Global & Southeast Asian Perspectives
September 26-28, 2002, EDSA Shangri-la Hotel, Manila

CALLING ALL EYE MDs!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2002

- Golf Tournament
- Registration
- Welcome Reception

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2002

• Overview of Glaucoma in the Region	*Dr. Prin Rojanapongpun*
• Monitoring & Treatment of Early Glaucoma Suspect	*Dr. Ivan Goldberg*
• Assessing Functional Status & Determining True Progression	*Dr. George L. Spaeth*
• Medical Management of POAG	*Dr. Paul F. Palmberg; Dr. Julian L. Rait*
• Roundtable Discussion: Diagnosis and Assessment of POAG	
• LUNCH SYMPOSIUM (PHARMACIA)	*Dr. Paul Palmberg, Dr. William Stewart, Dr. Edgar Leuenberger, Dr. Norman Aquino, Dr. Patricia Khu, Dr. Mario Aquino, Dr. Ma. Imelda Yap-Veloso, Dr. Manuel Agulto*
• Visual Fields	*Dr. Albert Weijland, Dr. Ravi Thomas & Dr. Alexander Reyes*
• Optic Disc and Fiber Imaging	*Dr. George L. Spaeth, Dr. Gerhard Zinser, Dr. Sek-Tien Hoh Dr. Tetsuya Yamamoto & Dr. Rommel D. Bautista*
• Medical Management of POAG and Residual ACG	*Dr. Ivan Goldberg, Dr. Michael S. Berlin, Dr. Paul F. Palmberg, Dr. Paul T.K. Chew, Dr. Julian L. Rait & Dr. Mario V. Aquino*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2002

• Options for the First Surgery	*Dr. Steve K.L. Seah*
• Surgery of the Poor Prognosis Patient	*Dr. Robert Ritch*
• Surgical Complications	*Dr. Robert L. Stamper*
• Changing Concepts of Angle Closure Glaucoma	*Dr. Paul T.K. Chew*
• Angle Closure Glaucoma	*Dr. Robert Ritch, Dr. G.Chandrasekhar, Dr. Ravi Thomas Dr. Gus Gazzard, Dr. Manuel B. Agulto & Dr. Mario M. Yatco*
• Non-Pressure Factors in Glaucoma	*Dr. Yoshiaki Kitazawa*
• LUNCH SYMPOSIUM (ALLERGAN)	*Dr. Achim Krauss, Dr. Robert Noecker, Dr. Ivan Goldberg*
• Glaucoma Surgery	*Dr. Robert L. Stamper, Dr. Steve K.L. Seah, Dr. Tetsuya Yamamoto, Dr. Prin Rojanapongpun, Dr. Manolet Delfin & Dr. Manolito R. Reyes*
• Roundtable Discussion: Medical Management - *Problems, compliance, combination drugs*	*Dr. Alexander Reyes, Dr. Somkiat Asawaphureekorn, Dr. Michael Berlin, Dr. Rupilah Abdul Rahman, Dr. Tetsuya Yamamoto*
• Surgical Problems - *Small pupil, cataract, techniques*	*Dr. Ivan Goldberg, Dr. Yoshiaki Kitazawa, Dr. Hiromu Mishima, Dr. Julian Rait*
• Roundtable: Secondary Glaucomas - *Neovascular, Uveitic, post-PKP, Pseudophakic, Aphakic, Pediatric, etc.*	*Dr. Ma. Imelda Yap-Veloso, Dr. Robert Stamper, Dr. Robert Ritch, Dr. Paul Chew, Dr. Prateep Vyas*

• *Instructional Courses*	*Dr. Gertrude Baron-Reinoso*
• *Free Papers*	*Dr. Rommel Bautista, Dr. Annabelle Ching*
	Dr. Ted Gonzales, Dr. Eunice Batac

The SEAGIG 2002 Secretariat
c/o Philippine Congress Organizing Center
2/F Physician's Tower, 533 U.N. Avenue, Ermita
P.O. Box 4486 Manila 1000, Philippines
Tel.: (+632) 521-4884; 522-0541 to 48 • Fax: (+632) 522-1090
E-mail: secretariat@seagig2002.org • Website: www.seagig2002.org

Piatco wants Climaco out

From page A1

eans that Climaco can no longer impose her questionable designs on the government," Paras said.

The President created the committee last Monday not only to review the deal forged between the government and Piatco but also to renegotiate every aspect of "all operations within Terminal 3, including air traffic fare and maintenance, cargo handling and catering."

Perez said that the primary task of his committee was to examine the offer of the German (investor), "to find out whether it is acceptable, to examine the contracts whether the provisions should be renegotiated, and if so to renegotiate the same."

While noting that the President would have the final say on the matter, he said his committee had been tasked not just to review the Piatco contract but also to renegotiate it.

Investment-friendly policies

Cheng said that the Perez position was a clear indication of the administration's "investment-friendly policies."

"We are willing to walk the extra mile just to arrive at a mutually acceptable renegotiated concession agreement despite our original stand that provisions now being questioned were based on the original bid documents that served as reference points for our Swiss challenge to an unsolicited bid," said Cheng in a statement sent to the INQUIRER last night.

Speaking on behalf of Piatco's 13-member board of directors, Cheng said the consortium was willing to renegotiate provisions in the GRP-Piatco concession agreement and the amended and restated concession agreements (ARCAs) considered "questionable" by the government.

"As one advanced in years, it is my fervent prayer that the Naia 3 which will be the country's most advanced passenger terminal, will serve as my living legacy to the Filipino people," Cheng stressed.

Perez admitted that the final word on the contract was "renegotiation," and "not for cancellation, not for takeover."

When reminded that his position was opposed to that of a member of the review committee, he had said, "I'm not Secretary Climaco. I'm Secretary Perez. I always take my own stand, and I'm not swayed by anybody else's stand," adding that Climaco was only one voice in the seven-member committee.

"What I want to have is if it is cleared that there are some infirmities in the contract, by all means, let us correct these infirmities. And let us make it (the contract) as palatable and acceptable to the people and to the government as possible," said Perez.

"Yes (we should renegotiate) because I want the business sector to understand that the government is here not to oppress the business sector but to assist (it). So if there is a perception that there is something wrong with the contract, I take it as the duty of the government to help them correct the alleged infirmities," he stressed.

"But of course the President could always overrule me, and whatever the President says (should be followed). But I feel that it is incumbent upon us not to send wrong signals to the business sector."

Terminal fee

Cheng suggested that during renegotiations, the government should likewise "rethink" some of its criticism of the contract especially in the matter of the US$20 terminal fees.

He explained that during the original negotiations, Piatco only wanted to charge the P600 terminal fee, which is just P100 more than the present rate. "The insignificant increase was necessary as the Naia 3 "is world-class with state-of-the-art amenities compared to the Naia 2."

He explained that the government had insisted on a US$7.20 hike for its revenues in addition to a 10-percent cut in the remaining P665 Piatco revenues. "But overseas Filipino workers will continue to be exempted from the terminal fees."

At the same time, he revealed that "since the Naia IPT 3 is three times bigger that the present international airport, it would be hiring three times more workers than what are currently available."

But Cheng also urged the lawmakers to amend Republic Act No. 6713, known as the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees, "as it prohibits the immediate hiring of employees separated from government service."

Correct position

Paras, chair of the House transportation and communications committee, and Nograles welcomed the Perez position.

"That is the correct legal position because the government cannot just take over private businesses," Nograles said in a phone interview.

"That is a welcome move because it jibes with the government's policy of encouraging investors and privatizing assets to raise additional revenues," Paras said.

The two were among several congressmen who denounced Climaco's proposal.

Paras and Nograles supported a renegotiation of the $20 terminal fee stipulated in the controversial Piatco contract.

Paras proposed that the government forego its 36-percent share in the terminal fee to bring it down.

Justified rate

He said under the contract, Piatco gets $11 and government $9. Paras justified the rate, saying it was set up when a dollar was much less than the current P51 to P52.

Paras said the government was entitled to a guarantee annual payment of P700 million. He said the total income the government would get from Piatco was P17.5 billion in 25 years.

On top of the guarantee payment of P700 million a year, he said the government is still entitled to 5 percent on gross income and 36 percent share of the terminal fee.

Paras said the Build-Operate-Transfer Law provides investors leeway to recover their investments.

Thus, he said, Piatco should be allowed to retain its $11 terminal fee.

Paras added that the $20 terminal fee was not onerous because, he said, the "ordinary travelers" like the overseas workers are exempted from paying the fee.

"So it's really those who can afford who will pay the fee," Paras said.

But Nograles said the cutback should be shared by Piatco and the government.

"It should really be lowered because if the exchange rate was still P20 to $1, it's OK but at P50 to $1 that's not OK," Nograles said.

TOGETHER, Muslims and Christians including pastors helped one another to build simple, decent houses made of sawali and bamboo with gardens of flowers and vegetables. GRACE CANTAL-ALBASIN

Lanao village rises from the ashes

From page A1

and meetings aimed at assessing their needs.

With funding from church members, pastors and volunteers, Project Islam went on to build roads and water systems. The group also funded the college education of several villagers.

Bashir Mananggolo, a religious leader, told the INQUIRER that the installation of water system was one of the best things that happened to the village.

"For 60 years, the residents had to walk for about two kilometers to get a bucket of water. Now, we can fetch it right in our backyard. We were so ecstatic when water first flowed out of our faucets," Mananggolo said in the vernacular.

MILF lying low

Majority of the residents are relatives of MILF Commander Bravo and sympathize with the rebel group. Barangay captain Camlon Moner observed that the MILF, Bravo in particular, could be frowning on the developments, but he is probably choosing to lie low after seeing that residents are happy.

"Maybe he has realized that we wanted peace," Moner said.

Recently, 17 Chinese Christian youth from Hong Kong came to see how they could help in rehabilitating the people's lives.

Dino Wong, leader of the Chinese youth, said they had heard about the government's all-out war and how it devastated the people's lives.

"We are sorry that it happened. It was cruel and the people seemed to have no one to turn to. I see the need to help them and we hope to bring their plight to other Christian churches and hope that they, too, will respond," Wong said.

Moner said the village still needs a lot of things including power, livelihood and a health center. The school building also badly needs repair.

Peace advocate

One of those who recently visited the village was Pilar Bonete, a former school principal who stayed there for 14 years before she retired in 1995. Now she is the president of the women's cooperative in Barangay Paiton and a peace advocate.

Bonete still calls the villagers by their first names, and they still call her "Ma'am."

Bonete remembers Noranisa Ismael, who ran to meet her as she alighted from the jeepney that took her to the village.

Noranisa has golden feet, Bonete recalled. She was the skinny kid who won gold medals in sprint competitions. That was before she got married at 18 and had eight kids, one after another.

"I learned to run again, Ma'am, when we had to flee from here," Noranisa told her.

She ran, with her kids in tow, down the valley, across rivers, through the forests of Munai and then hiked all the way to Marawi, where they stayed in a classroom at the Amai Pakpak Elementary School.

There was no time to salvage anything from their burning houses, she said. After the fire, only a grove of betel palm trees was left standing by the cliff.

Rukmah, the class valedictorian the year Bonete assumed her post as principal, went to college but stopped going to school when her husband left to work in Saudi Arabia. When he returned, he bought a 32-seater jeepney, which they named Anwari, after their eldest son.

At the time Bonete and participants to an inter-religious peace summit visited the village, Anwari was playing with a wooden top. The other kids had matchbox cars, dolls and plastic helicopters.

"Those are from the pastors and soldiers who built this house and gave us seeds and brand-new malongs," said Rukmah.

She said her family came back to the village months after the war, when her parents died.

"We still live in fear," Rukma confessed.

But compared to the soldiers, Rukma said she was more afraid of the rebels.

"My father who was the village leader for 21 years, always told us to trust in the government. The MI(LF) don't like us and they are just around in those mountains. All they have to do is cross that river below and they will be by the betel trees in less than an hour," she said.

As time goes by, play it again, Sam

From page A1

servicemen in bygone days at Camp John Hay, their rest-and-recreation center in Baguio City.

The camp's Filipino employees discovered the cache only last May, more than 10 years after the Americans pulled out. Most of the jackets and covers have turned yellowish, but the records are intact.

By January, the albums will be displayed in an exhibit marking the camp's centennial next year. There are plans to transform the LPs into CDs, but for now the John Hay people want the public to see them in their original form.

Remember the movie "Love Story" starring Ali McGraw and Ryan O'Neal, especially the scene where she, weeping on the sand, told him that "love means never having to say you're sorry," made more poignant by the background music?

Or the singing and dancing John Travolta in "Saturday Night Fever" and "Grease"? Or Armstrong's take on "As Time Goes By," theme from "Casablanca," one of the greatest films of all time?

Name that tune, they most probably have it. The LPs carry at least 30,000 songs sung by those who made it to America's top music chart over the past 50 years.

The songs make up "the soundtrack of our lives," say some John Hay old-timers.

Hardly anyone paid attention to the albums when the Americans turned over the R&R complex nestled in the pine-clad mountains to the Philippine government in April 1992. It didn't help that the albums were subsequently moved from one place to another in the 6.8-million-square-meter complex.

It was only last May, when a music storeowner in Baguio offered to sell two vintage turntables, that the John Hay employees gave the LPs a closer look.

Treasure trove

Gillian Y. Cortes, the camp's vice president for marketing, decided to buy the turntables.

Then she and her staff dusted off the albums and played the records one by one, slowly realizing that they had stumbled on a treasure trove.

Indeed, among the LPs are the best and greatest hits of George Benson, Dizzy Gillespie and Diana Ross.

Johnny Mathis looks boyish in the photo on his "Once in a While" album, which includes "It Would Not Have Made Any Difference" and "I'm on the Outside Looking In."

And listening to Fitzgerald's "Ella a Nice," an observer will easily concede that she was—and still is—Mama Jazz, singing, as she herself once said, "as she feels."

From Neil Diamond's "On the Way to the Sky," Patti Austin's "Every Home Should Have One," to Bandy Moe's "I Still Love You in the Same Ol' Way," from Burt Bacharach's "Make it Easy on Yourself" to Placido Domingo's "My Life for a Song," from Nat "King" Cole's version of "My Fair Lady" to Alabama's "Rebel without a Clue," from the Bee Gees' "How Deep is Your Love" to Eric Clapton's "You're Wonderful Tonight" to Donna Summer's "Bad Girls," it's a long trip down memory lane for Baguio residents—to a time when the rhythms of life were slower, gentler.

Next month, the albums will be moved from the marketing office to a bigger room where Baguio's old-timers can listen to the songs and turn back the hands of time.

Playing it by ear

Pianist David B. Tabligan, 52, said he learned how to play the piano by listening to some of the LPs.

As a 10-year-old, he recalled, he would sneak into the camp and ask to be allowed to listen to an album of his choice. He would listen to, say, the Beatles' "Here, There and Everywhere" and afterward play it by ear on the piano.

According to Tabligan, the Americans could have kept more than 1,500 albums since the 1950s. He said some of the LPs might have been lost or destroyed before, during and after the turnover, or brought home to the United States by the servicemen's families.

Apart from the LPs, the John Hay employees discovered a recording of speeches and reflections by Winston Churchill upon the hour of Armistice in 1918 to the moment of victory in 1945.

There is an audio self-portrait of John F. Kennedy titled "Gallant Warrior of the Thousand Days."

There is also a rare compilation of funny interviews of the American late-night TV host Johnny Carson with George Burns, Groucho Marx and 12 other celebrities. (In those days, you were nobody if you had never been invited by Carson to his show, and insulted by him.)

Borrower's card

Each album carries a borrower's card.

Ernesto Yabut, 72, John Hay's information officer in the 1950s, said non-Americans in Baguio were allowed to borrow and bring home any of the LPs for a limited time. Some cards showed that certain albums were borrowed as early as 1953.

Among the most requested LPs carried Beethoven's "Symphony No. 7" and "Symphony No. 9" and Tchaikovsky's "Pathetique,"

Tabligan said.

The number of borrowings showed the Filipinos' fondness for American music. They borrowed a lot of LPs even if the camp was not open to the Filipino public.

At that time, the only occasion one could find a big number of Filipinos inside John Hay was the annual Fil-Am golf tournament.

John Hay Poro Point executive vice president Damaso Bangaoet said it was in one such tournament that a group of US servicemen greeted actor Rogelio de la Rosa—whom they described as a "very handsome Filipino"—with "As Time Goes By."

The scene was the piano bar of Halfway House, the first restaurant that welcomed guests and lowlanders coming from the main gate on Session Road.

Bangaoet, then 13, was a member of a quartet singing such songs as "Seven Lonely Days" at the camp's gazebo in front of the Main Club.

LPs of Christmas songs were popular in this little piece of America especially during the 1950s, Yabut said.

Every Dec. 1, the Americans started playing holiday songs—for example, Bing Crosby's "White Christmas"—from loud speakers strung on selected pine trees in the camp.

"Christmas then was literally in the air," Yabut said, adding:

"Baguio people loved the Americans. It is no wonder that they treasure what the Americans left behind."

Laguna de Bay the toast of Living Lakes confab

From page A1

and its local partners that are involved in lake protection programs," Alvarez said. "The Living Lakes international network is also part of the effort."

CLEAR is now "considered a model of how the government, NGOs and the business sector can work together under one vision," noted the five-member Philippine delegation.

"In this case, CLEAR is saving Laguna Lake from environmental ruin," it added.

Members of Living Lakes are mostly run by private conservation groups.

Wonderful idea

Laguna de Bay became a member last year at the network's sixth conference hosted by Russia's Lake Baikal, touted as the "Pearl of Siberia."

Manila is hosting the Living Lakes conference in 2005.

Marion Hammerl-Resch, president of the Global Nature Fund (GNF) that established Living Lakes in June 1998, called the Philippine model a "wonderful idea."

Another network official said it was "a first in the history of Living Lakes."

The network also cited Laguna de Bay's conservation program in a six-page statement addressed to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio + 10), which was then about to start in the financial hub of Johannesburg, a 45-minute drive from Pretoria.

It said Laguna de Bay, "through the partnerships forged by the LLDA with the different lake stakeholders, including industries, has gained significant success in the implementation of a sustainable lake management program geared toward the improvement of water quality of the lake and its tributary rivers."

"The Philippine example is wonderful in the sense that the authorities in your country have recognized that there's an environmental problem and have agreed to work hand in hand with the NGO and the industrial sectors," said Kate Mackenzie, eastern regional director of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers.

In a speech, Chito Macapagal, Unilever Philippines general manager for corporate development, said: "Through the tripartite partnership, the true spirit of Agenda 21 can be made alive."

He added: "We know that seeking Laguna de Bay's sustainability calls for continuous dialogue that will help decide the fate of the lake. We have to ensure that such a dialogue will take place using the same tripartite approach.

Better than one

"For stakeholders who are not comfortable talking to government, they have the NGO and business sector to talk to. For those who doubt the motives of big business, they can always talk to the government and the NGO."

"Too many cooks, they say, will spoil the broth. But in this case, three heads are definitely better than one," said LLDA representative Lennie Santos-Borja.

In the past 32 years, Borja said, the LLDA established partnerships with various lake stakeholders "to get them involved and do their share ... in the conservation of the lake and its valuable resources."

SCPW president Amy Lecciones reported that in its first year, CLEAR achieved "modest accomplishments with activities aimed at raising people's awareness and promoting lake conservation."

Bridge with 3 planks

"It might be a little early to say how this partnership will go, although we're very optimistic about it," Lecciones said. "We're practically still in the honeymoon stage. However, we believe that since we're sharing the same vision, we're going in the right direction. So stay with us, we're a work in progress."

Macapagal likened the tripartite to a wooden bridge, saying: "We'll be braver and feeling more confident as we cross this bridge of the unknown, one with not just one but three planks."

In a statement, Laguna de Bay and its partner lakes asked the participants of the Johannesburg summit to "press for the implementation of (the 1992 summit's) Principles of Sustainable Development as the basis for the protection of lake ecosystems in the world and, with that, the basis for life on earth."

They expressed hope that "after 10 years of conflict over definitions and many great promises to promote sustainable development, the often quoted and sorely misused term 'sustainable development' will finally be filled with tangible practical ideas and activities..."

The other Living Lakes members are the Columbia River Wetlands in Canada; Mono Lake in California; Laguna Fuquene in Colombia; Pantanal, the world's largest wetland, in South America; Mar Chiquita in Argentina; the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads in Britain; La Nava in Spain; Militsh Ponds in Poland; Nestos Lakes in Greece; Larache wetlands in Morocco; Lake Uluabat in Turkey; Israel's Dead Sea; Kazakhstan's Tengiz, the largest steppe lake in Asia; Japan's Lake Biwa; and the Mahakam Lakes in Indonesia.

Earlier, consumer goods giant Unilever, Living Lakes' main corporate supporter, developed an environmental program called Sustainable Water and Integrated Catchment Management (SWIM), committing the Anglo-Dutch firm to "taking a participatory approach to sustainable water and helping improve people's access to clean water and sanitation."

Living Lakes is also backed by Europe's top companies, including Lufthansa, Daimler Chrysler, T Mobile, Karcher, Ziemann, Kopf, Natur Kosmos, Saeco, Gruner + Jahr, Rohner, and Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt.

Roco: Neither here nor there

From page A1

friends prefer to be considered a "third force" in the People Power Coalition. After all, he says, he and Promdi's Lito Osmeña and Reporma's Renato de Villa had sacrificed and contributed much to form the coalition.

Roco said he, Osmeña and De Villa were good friends and had regularly been talking to one another since the 1998 elections, where they garnered more than 8.5 million votes or 30.62 percent of the total votes cast. Ousted President Joseph Estrada polled close to 11 million or 39.59 percent of the total votes.

The third force, Roco said, is made up of true friends. But 2004 is still too far away, he said during his radio program Aksyon Roco at Raul yesterday.

Roco recalls that the trio had been talking to one another even during the 1998 presidential campaign, probably the only presidential contenders to do so.

"We also agreed that whoever was in the forefront, we would band together and support him," Roco recalled.

He said that Osmeña was of the opinion that it would be wrong for them to leave the PPC since they had contributed much to the coalition.

During the program, callers urged Roco to run in the 2004 elections. Some even called him the "future president," which apparently pleased Roco who thanked the callers for their support.

On Friday, Roco announced that his party, Aksyon Demokratiko, remains with the People Power Coalition.

Earlier, Roco said that he was against suggestions in the PPC for the government to use tax money to fund political campaigns.

He said that this was the reason why he did not attend a coalition meeting last week.

It's not right to use tax money for the campaign when we have a deficit, Roco said.

The statement on Friday was issued in reaction to Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye's claim that the President would just ignore attacks against her made by Roco and former Foreign Secretary Teofisto Guingona.

Roco, in Tuesday's press conference, defended himself from the charges that he had committed graft and did acts that violated the code of conduct and ethical standards for public officials.

He also turned the tables on President Macapagal-Arroyo, saying the posters bearing her picture that she had directed DepEd to earlier distribute were funded by private donations and were therefore illegal.

In contrast, he said, his posters came from the funds of DepEd and had been approved by the Commission on Audit.

He also said that he would still study if his party, Aksyon Demokratiko, should stay with PPC.

ROOF SHINGLES
(Time-out for Questions and Answers)

Are shingles suited to Philippine weather?

A solid question. Here's another: ***"Asphalt shingles work well in cold countries like the U.S.A., but will they perform in our typhoon-prone climate?"***

Answer: Shingles cover more than 60% of residential roofs in USA. You find them not only in the cold northern regions but also in the Southeast (Florida, Georgia, South Carolina) where hurricanes with strength of 200 kms/hr or more are frequent visitors. They are also number one roofing in the Mississippi Valley, the country of tornadoes.

Another valid question: ***"But won't asphalt shingles melt and warp in our hot summer?"***

Answer: The USA is a cold country in the north but a very hot desert country in the south (Texas, New Mexico, Arizona) beating our climate with their 38°C to 41°C summer day temperature.

Then, this question: ***"But why do we hear so much about shingles' poor perfomance in our weather?"***

Answer: Because of the fear of the unknown. Because the workmanship of poorly-trained installers negate the superior value of shingles. Because asphalt shingles are not distinguished from wood shingles which warp and leak. Because giant G.I. roof sheet manufacturers can't bear the idea of losing.

Final question: ***How can we get more information on roofs?***

Answer: Call us and get free reading materials. There's a lot more in our treasury of practical knowledge.

Better choices for better products. For a better life.

Quezon City ☎ 929-9911
Makati MC Home Depot ☎ 894-0845
Mandaue City ☎ (032) 346-5413
Davao City ☎ (082) 299-2694
Cagayan de Oro ☎ (088) 855-1333

Multi-Line Simply Creative

ROOF SHINGLES

See how we drive our costs down to make U.S.A. shingles affordable.

ROOFING MATERIAL	ORIGIN	WARRANTY	PRICE/SQ.MTR.
Our asphalt shingles	U.S.A.	20 yrs	P197/sqm or P610/bundle
Their asphalt shingles	U.S.A.	20 yrs	P235/sqm or P730/bundle
Their metal tilespan roof	Phils.	10 yrs	@ P269/sqm
Their concrete tile	Phils.	?	@ P270/sqm
Their clay tile	Indonesia	?	@ P600/sqm

Guaranteed lowest price!

Prices don't include delivery, installation, accessories and cutting wastages.

With our new 2002 venture with CertainTeed, you will benefit from our low prices due to CertainTeed's huge global volume production.

We also have algae-resistant shingles to protect your roof from black stains and premium shingles of various profiles with warranties of 30, 40 and 50 years. They cost more but you will be happy with their beauty and quality.

We guarantee they have the lowest price in the industry.

Come and find other treasures hidden in Multi-Line to enhance the beauty of your home.

Multi-Line Simply Creative

Quezon City ☎ 929-9911
Makati MC Home Depot ☎ 894-0845
Mandaue City ☎ (032) 346-5413
Davao City ☎ (082) 299-2694
Cagayan de Oro ☎ (088) 855-1333

Philippine Association for the Study of Overweight and Obesity

Member - International Association for the Study of Obesity (IASO)

8th Annual Convention

" Controversies in Obesity Management "

September 13, 2002; 8:00 am to 5:30 pm; Edsa Shangri-la Hotel, Mandaluyong City

MESSAGES

This week, we celebrate for the 8th year, Obesity Awareness and Prevention Week. We watch with the world the growing epidemic of overweight and obesity in our planet. The statistics are staggering - some countries report a prevalence of ove 50% of their populations as overweight or obese. The burden that this imposes on the economy of a nation is tremendous, because obesity impacts to a major degree on the health of the population. It has been estimated that obesity accounts for 30% of cardiovascular diseases and 75% of new cases of Type 2 diabetes mellitus. Caregivers know how expensive these two conditions are, and the drain on the personal economy can only be surmised.

Cardiovascular diseases and Type 2 diabetes mellitus are but two of the many other diseases that are engendered by one's excess weight. One should not ignore other assoiated and equally disabling diseases associated with obesity: osteoarthritis, respiratory complications, cancers, and other diseases which impair the quality of life of individuals so affected.

We now recognize that in the life cycle of man, there are stages where the individual is prone to being overweight and obese. We know that many cases of adult obesity emanate from childhood obesity. So the PASOO this year embarks on probably its most note-worthy project. It will target schoolchildren as the population to increase awareness of the dangers of overweight and obesity, and try to educate and prevent this group from becoming overweight.

In a gathering of physicians in a symposium on obesity, 60% of the 600 delegates present identified childhood as a critical period in which to put into action a plan to prevent the slide into a lifelong overweight and obesity stage. A further look of the attendees selected adolescence for this intervention. Thus, it is recognized that action plans to address the burgeoning problem of obesity should start early in one's life.

Our health authorities should now recognize that obesity is a disease. Physicians and patients should accept that obesity is a chronic disease. For this condition requires years of therapy. But many, many studies have shown that even modest weight loss can redound to tremendous benefits in health. PASOO enjoins all to act now before the problem overwhelms us.

DR. AUGUSTO D. LITONJUA, MD
President

On behalf of the Philippine Association for the Study of Overweight and Obesity I would like to extend to all of you a very warm welcome to the 8th PASOO Convention. The problem of overweight and obesity is starting to emerge as a serious public health problem in the Philippines witn the rising prevalence over the years. This is seen in other countries of Asia inspite of various stages of socioeconomic transition. Not only is obesity considered a health problem per se, but is also known to increase the risk of chronic diseases including Type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, hypertention and some forms of cancer. Although it is generally recognized that obesity results from the interaction of genetics, behavior, and enviromental factors, controversies persist in many areas of assessment, prevention and management at the individual and public health levels. We had envisaged that the 8th Annual Convention of PASOO will be able to invite discussion on these issues and map directions and research needs, hence, the theme of the convention: *Controversies in Obesity Management.*

I take this opportunity to thank members of the organizing committee and the various committees for their contributions in making this Convention possible.

We hope you will have a fruitful convention, interacting with fellow participants and sharing your experiences.

Celeste C. Tanchoco
CELESTE C. TANCHOCO, MPH, RND
Overall Chair, Scientific Committee

"Walk While You Can !" is fitness walk 2002's chosen theme. It is a public appeal for everyone to be physically active and truly, the easiest way to do this is simply to walk. It is a fitting reminder for our celebration of Obesity Awareness Week.

The PASOO is enviting everyone to come and join us in this fun and fit activity on September 8, 2002 at 6:00 a.m. at the Fort Bonifacio Grounds for a short 2 kilometer walk. I hope this event increases public awareness to the importance of Physical Activity in Weight Management. Eat but burn!

We would like to thank all walking participants. Special thanks to the pharmaceuticals company who have helped to make this event a healthy one.

SANIROSE S. ORBETA, MSRD, FADA
Chair - Fitness Walk 2002

OFFICERS

AUGUSTO D. LITONJUA, MD
President

SANIROSE
S. ORBETA,
MSRD, FADA
Vice President

MARY ANNE
LIM-ABRAHAN, MD
Secretary

ROSA ALLYN
G. SY, MD
Treasurer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RAMON F.
ABARQUEZ, JR MD

RODOLFO
FLORENTINO, MD

JOSEFINO A.
REGALADO, MD

CELESTE C.
TANCHOCO,
MPH, RND

EDGARDO
TOLENTINO, MD

CORPORATE MEMBER

JOE MARIE L. SY
ROCHE
PHILIPPINES

PHILIPPE MOLHANT
SERVIER
PHILIPPINES, INC.

ALEXANDER A. DEPANG
ABBOTT
LABORATORIES

VICTOR M. SEPULVEDA
PHARMACIA
PHILIPPINES

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

7:30 am: **REGISTRATION**
8:30 am: **Opening Ceremony**
Invocation / National Anthem
- *Anastacio R. Aquino, MD*
Chapter President
PASOO North Luzon Chapter

Welcome Remarks
- *Celeste C. Tanchoco, MPH, RND*
Overall Chairperson
8th PASOO Convention

Introduction of the Guest Speaker
- *Mary Anne Lim-Abraham, MD*
Secretary, PASOO

8:45 am: **Inspirational Message**
- *Hon. Manuel M. Dayrit, MD*
Secretary
Department of Health

9:00 am: **Introduction of Speaker**
- *Sanirose S. Orbeta, MSRD*
Vice President, PASOO

Keynote Address:
" Battling the Obesity Epidemic: Learning from the Past and Planning for the Future"
- *Augusto D. Litonjua, MD*
President, PASOO

9:45-10:30am: **OPENING OF EXHIBITS / HEALTH BREAK**

Session I - Assessment of Obesity

10:30 am: **The Impact of Body Build on the Relationship between BMI and Body Fat Percent**
- *Paul Deurenberg, PhD*
Nutrition Consultant, WHO

11:00 am: **Appropriate BMI Cut-offs for Asian Populations and its Public Health Implications**
- *Mabel Deurenberg - Yap, PhD*
Deputy Director
Department of Nutrition
Ministry of Health, Singapore

11:30 am: **Formulation of BMI Standards in Japan**
- *Nobuo Yoshiike, MD*
Deputy Director
Division of Health and Nutrition Monitoring
National Institute of Health and NutritionTokyo, Japan

OPEN FORUM
12:00 noon: **LUNCH SYMPOSIUM**

Session II - Prevention and Treatment

2:00 pm: **The Role of Dietary Supplement/Traditional Medicine in the Management of Obesity: From Research to Application**
- *Ma. Eidllen A. Banzon, MD*
Medical Director
Holistic Circle Center for Wellness

2:20 pm: **Cultural Issues in Obesity Management: Communication and Counseling Challenges and Opportunities**
- *Catherine Q. Castaneda, PhD*
Director
Commision on Higher Education

2:40 pm: **Bariatric Surgery in the Management of Obesity**
- *Hildegardes C. Dineros, MD*
Consultant, Dept. of Surgery
St. Luke's Medical Center

OPEN FORUM
3:00 pm: **HEALTH BREAK**

Sesion III - Models for Multidisciplinary Treatment Programs

3:15 pm: **The Medical Clinic**
- *Rosa Allyn G. Sy, MD*
Treasurer, PASOO

3:35pm:**The School Health Program**
- *Mrs. Paz A. Buenviaje*
Chief, Nutrition Division
Health and Nutrition Center
Dept. of Education

3:55 pm: **The Community Intervention Program**
- *Ma. Lourdes B. Salud, MD*
City Health Officer
Makati Health Department

OPEN FORUM
4:30 pm: **Launching of PASOO " Whiz Kid Through Fitness "**
Presentation of Program and
- *Sanirose S. Orbeta, MSRD*
Vice President, PASOO

Acceptance / Signing of MOA
- *Ms. Florina Feliciano-Castillo*
Principal, Grade School Dept.
St. Scholastica's College

5:00 PM: **Synthesis**
- *Ramon F. Abarquez, Jr., MD*
Board Member, PASOO

5:15 PM: **CLOSING CEREMONY**
Nomelec's Report
- *Florante P. Gonzaga, MD*
Consultant, The Medical City

Closing Remarks
- *Augusto D. Litonjua, MD*
President

OTHER PARTICIPATING COMPANIES

Ajinomoto Phils. Corp., Aventis Pharma, Inc., Bayer Phils., BoieTakeda Chemicals, Inc., Boots Co., Eli Lily (Phils.), Inc., GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson Medical Phils., Merck, Inc., Nestle Phils, Otsuka Phils., Patriot Pharmaceuticals Corp., Pfizer Phils., Therapharma, Inc.

HURRY!
LAST DAY TODAY!!!
10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

THE PHILIPPINE BOOKFAIR

Megatrade Hall, 5th Level, Building B
SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City

SPONSORED BY:
RPN PhilOnline INQUIRER

For inquiries, please contact
PRIMETRADE ASIA, INCORPORATED
Tel. Nos. 896-0682, 632-9289, 632-9291 • Fax No. 896-0695
E-mail: ptrade@philonline.com • Website: www.philippinebookfair.com

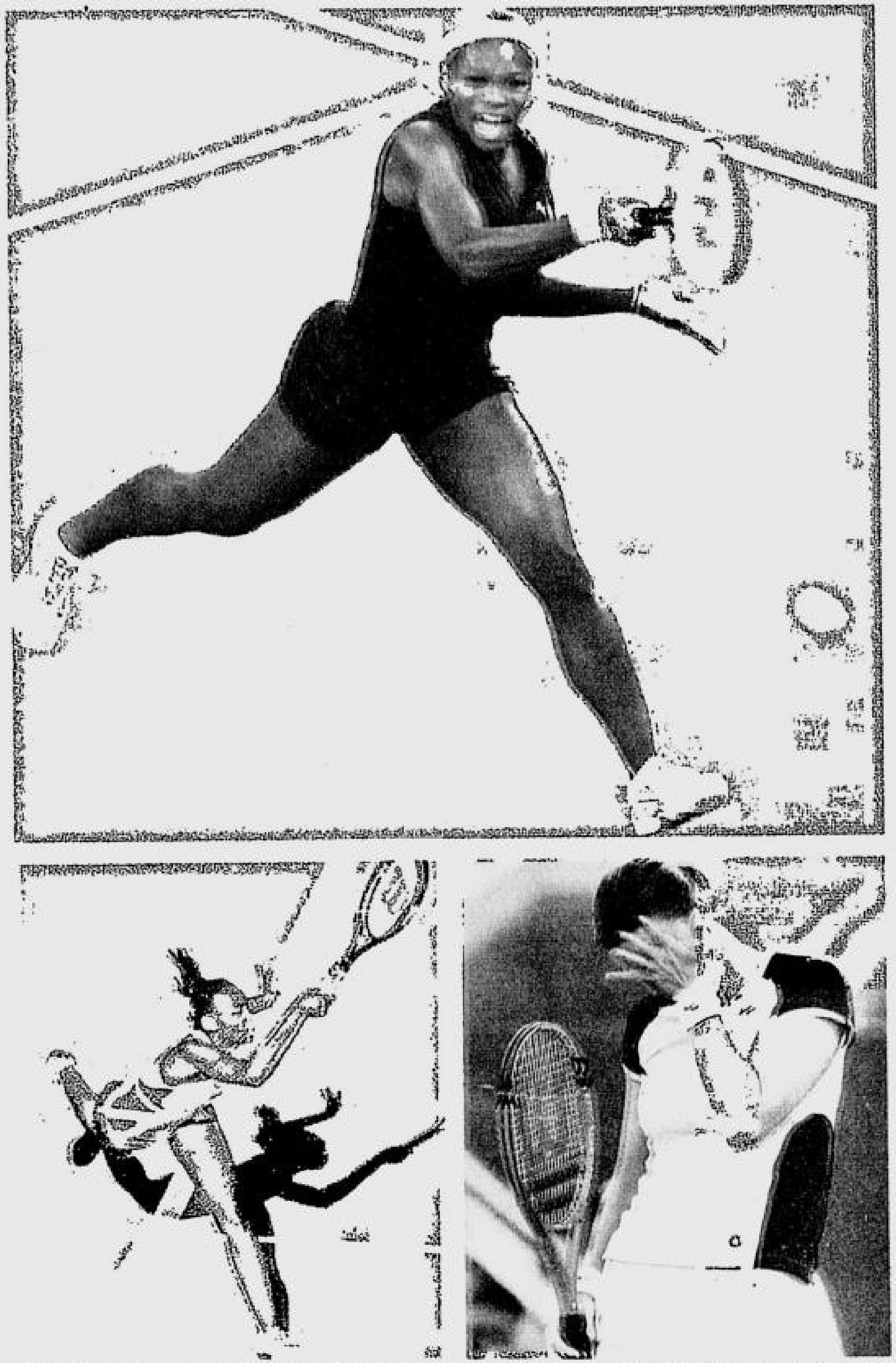
Schedule of Special Events

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2002

10:00 A.M.
Goodwill Bookstore Pavilion
"Kiddie Fun Day Sunday!
Featuring the Berenstein Bears Meet and Greet plus other mascots!"

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M./Function Rm. B
"Got 2 Believe (...In the Pinoy Writer)"
UP Press

"BUY-A-BOOK, WIN-A-PRIZE RAFFLE"
See flyers for details.
Per DTI-NCR # A3-511, Series of 2002



ERENA Williams (top) hits a forehand return to semifinal victim Lindsay Davenport (bottom right), 6-3, 7-5, as elder sister Venus shows the form that toppled Mauresmo in the other emifinal of the US Open.

WILLIAMS VS WILLIAMS

All in the family

By Howard Ulman

NEW YORK—The US Open title will stay in the Williams family.

Serena and older sister Venus won their semifinals Friday, setting up their third straight meeting in a Grand Slam final and fourth in the last five.

Serena, the 1999 Open winner, beat Lindsay Davenport, 6-3, 7-5, after Venus, who won the tournament the last two years, beat Amelie Mauresmo, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

On Saturday night, finally, one Williams will lose.

"Venus is playing well and I'm playing all right," Serena said with a wide smile before admitting the obvious. "I'm playing well, too."

Very well.

Down 5-2 in the second set, top-seeded Serena won her last five games against Davenport and took nine of the last 10 points. Serena had 13 aces to just three for Davenport, the 1998 Open champion.

"I don't feel I'm out here to break up a Williams final," Davenport said. "I'm here to see if I can get to the finals."

The fourth-seeded Davenport, coming back from knee surgery in January, had three set points in the 10th game, but Serena held on to her serve.

Then Serena broke Davenport's serve at love and took a 40-0 lead in the deciding game. But she followed with just her second double fault.

Her final serve was a powerful one. Davenport did return it, but Serena smacked the ball back to the far corner of the court to Davenport's right.

Game, set, another all-Williams final.

Serena beat Venus in the championship matches at the French Open and Wimbledon this year.

Venus doesn't understand why their monopoly is considered by some to be bad for tennis.

"When you win, there's a problem. When you lose, there's a problem," Venus said with a smile. "So what do you want me to do?"

Serena missed the Australian Open, the year's first Grand Slam, with an ankle injury.

"After I twisted my ankle in Australia, I just changed things," said Serena, whose reaction to her win was much more exuberant than Venus'. "I was more focused. I just decided I wanted to be the best at what I do."

Venus shook off a blister and spotty play to outlast Mauresmo.

The harder-serving Venus had only three aces, the same as Mauresmo. And she had 10 double faults to four for the 10th-seeded Frenchwoman.

Venus also had more unforced errors—44-35—and was outplayed at the net. Mauresmo complained in vain about several calls that went against her and replays showed she was right on some of them.

Venus remained calm when she struggled.

"I keep telling myself that it's just a game and go out there and have fun," she said. "It was hard to hold the racket at times, but you only get one chance at the final and you try to take it."

She had her right hand taped twice by WTA trainer Laura Eby.

The first time was before the 12th game of the second set. Venus had her service broken in that game, losing the set.

The turning point came in the next game when Mauresmo fell behind, 0-40. She followed with two aces, then double-faulted to give the game to Venus. *AP*

Sy outclasses Macalino, 6-0, 6-1; Santiago advances

SECOND seed Akio Sy of New Life Learning Center outclassed Juan Pocholo Macalino, 6-0, 6-1, yesterday to reach the unisex 10-under quarterfinals in the Philta Classic 5 age-group tournament at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center.

Sy will meet Reggie Santiago, who scored a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Jia Elesis. Maika Tanpinco, who won by default over Angelo Rivero. Other winners were Joseph Baldonado, Mico Santiago, Juan Gabriel Pena and Kim Ivor Saraza.

In the boys' 14-under class, Chung Soo Han defeated Edwin Olivarez Jr., 6-1, 6-1, to join first-round winners Jose Lorenzo Opulencia, Martin Ramos, Gerard Johnwill Baldonado and Gian Carlo Patino.

Booking second-round berths in the boys' 12-under class were Gerard Michael Ngo, Rodel Navarro, Joseph Baldonado and Joshua Tan Ho.

'Next time, I'm going to win'

By Cory Harris

NEW YORK--According to Amelie Mauresmo, having Venus and Serena Williams clash in every grand slam final would eventually lose its lustre.

But when handed the chance to halt one of the sister's progress on Friday, the Frenchwoman could not prevent Venus from streaking to victory in their US Open semifinal.

When Serena beat Lindsay Davenport later in the day, Mauresmo's hopes of seeing a new face in a Grand Slam final were dashed for another major tournament as the Williams sisters set up their fourth final clash in the last five majors.

For the third straight match, the tenth seeded Mauresmo demonstrated her resilience as she came from a set down to force a deciding set.

But unlike her wins over Kim Clijsters and Jennifer Capriati, Mauresmo was unable to complete the comeback as Venus, hand blister and all, held off the Frenchwoman 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

Earlier in the tournament Mauresmo stated that it is "boring" that the Williams sisters have reached two straight grand slam finals and were on track for a third straight sibling showdown.

Coincidentally Mauresmo has had two straight opportunities to end the grand slam run of the Williams sisters.

At Wimbledon, she faced Serena in the semifinals but was overwhelmed, 6-2, 6-1.

It was a different story on Friday as she would not back down against the twice defending champion, mixing up her game and keeping the world number two off balance.

Down a break and 4-5 in the final set, she had Venus down 0-40 before the American reeled off five straight points to survive.

"I just wanted to go out there and really play the game I wanted to play," Mauresmo said.

"In the middle of the second set I found my rhythm and really got into the match. It was unfortunate it went her way."

Despite the loss, Mauresmo had an exceptional run to the semis, defeating two top-10 players in Clijsters and Capriati before coming up short against Venus.

After battling back and leg problems the last two years, Mauresmo has made it known that she is healthy and should be considered a top contender in the majors.

"I can say to myself, 'This was a great tournament, great two weeks,'" Mauresmo said.

"This just proves to myself that mentally, I'm getting stronger and stronger and I'm getting there.

"I may be slower than other players like the Williams sisters, but they're younger than me. But the important thing is I'm getting there, so it's coming.

"Of course I would have loved to win and be in the final.

But at the same time, that's the way it is.

"Next time I'm sure it's going to go my way." *Reuters*

Bata strikes again

EFREN "Bata" Reyes won the recent Riverside Open 9-Ball Tournament at the Shooters Bar and Grill in California, beating Evgeny Stalev, 11-7, in the finals. Reyes emerged from the losers bracket to win the three-day tournament. Reyes pocketed $3,000 (P155,000).

SPORTSTV

Compiled by Lorenzo Manguiat

ENNIS: US Open 2002 at 9 a.m., 10:30 p.m. (r) and tomorrow at 12:30 a.m. on Star Sports
OLF: PGA Golf Bell Canadian Open at 11 a.m. (r - 4 p.m.) on Star Sports
PGA Wendy's Championship at 5 p.m. on ESPN
ed Meyer Golf Challenge at 11 p.m. on ESPN
BASKETBALL: NBA Inside Stuff at 7:30 a.m. (r) on Star Sports
MOTOR SPORTS: Max Power 2002 at 2 p.m. (r) on Star Sports
2002 F1 Highlights - Belgian Grand Prix at 6:30 p.m. on Star Sports
OOL: World Pool Masters 2001 at 7 p.m. on ESPN
ILLIARDS: 2002 International Challenge of Champions at 8 p.m. on ESPN
OXING: Friday Night Fights at 9:30 p.m. on ESPN
OCCER: Futbol Mundial at 8:30 a.m. (r) on Star Sports
chedules subject to change without prior notice.

Amelie Mauresmo hangs her head while leaning on the net after losing a point to Venus Williams during their US Open Tennis Tournament semifinal yesterday. Williams won, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4. AFP

SPORTSWATCH

AUF edges Arellano; St. Clare triumphs

ANGELES University Foundation bounced back from an ego-deflating defeat at home to turn back upset-conscious Arellano University, 85-84, even as University of Makati and St. Clare College of Caloocan came away with all-important victories in the 2002 National Athletic Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (Naascu) basketball tournament at the UM gym.

Assumption-Pampanga completes sweep

UNIVERSITY of the Assumption-Pampanga completed a sweep of the volleyball event yesterday while College of St. Benilde is just a win away from the same feat in basketball as the 33rd WNCAA-adidas moves to its final elimination day. The UAAP Blue Pelicans downed the Emilio Aguinaldo College Generals, 25-0, 25-0, 25-0, at the Lyceum Gym as they engaged the top team going into next weekend's semifinal series. EAC finished the season with a 1-8 record.

Alabang Futbol Cup: Dinosaurs prevail

THE URDANETA Dinosaurs beat United Alabang Kids in a sudden death penalty shootout to win the recent 2014 Alabang Futbol Cup. The Dinosaurs' Galo Marquez was the hero when he blasted home the spot kick that gave his team a 2-1 penalty victory. In the other game, Maita Ocampo's shot gave the U-Dinosaurs a 1-0 win over Real Kids FC and a ticket to the finals against United AK.

Twins snap Athletics' 20-game winning streak, 6-0

INNEAPOLIS—The Oakland Athletics' 20-ame winning streak came to an end Friday night as Brad Radke pitched the Minnesota Twins to a 6-0 victory in a Metrodome filled with fans waving Homer Hankies.

The Athletics fell short of matching the second-longest winning streak in baseball history. The Chicago Cubs of 1880 and 1935 both won 21 straight.

The 1916 New York Giants own the major league record of 26 wins in a row. The A's had set the AL mark for consecutive victories since their last loss, 2-1 to Toronto on Aug. 12.

Twins rooters had rarely whipped their Homer Hankies since cheering their team to the 1991 World Series championship. But 27,409 fans broke out those white handkerchiefs, and were rewarded in this matchup of AL division leaders. *AP*

Inquiry

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

AN inquiry called by the stewards in the third race at San Lazaro last Thursday night was the topic of three e-mails we received yesterday.

Bernard Mecias of Tondo, Manila, Danilo Razon of Lagro, Quezon City, and Manuel Sta. Maria of Baltao, Parañaque, all questioned the stewards' decision regarding the race.

Mecias is wondering why Search for Gold wasn't disqualified after the 11-year-old mare crossed the path of top favorite Hitman a few meters to the finish line.

"I'm sure all those who bet on Hitman were discontented over the decision," Mecias said. "*Dapat ipinaliwanag man lang sana sa mga mananaya at nanonood sa* TV *kung bakit ganun ang* decision *eh kaso hindi.*"

Razon wrote: "We could have easily accepted the decision *pero di naman pinakita kung wala talagang* infraction. *Ang kitang kita eh pumigil si* A.R. Lantin *kay* Hitman *para di sumalpok sa biglang-kumaliwang si* Search for Gold. *Nagbulag-bulagan na naman ang mga* stewards."

For his part, Sta. Maria said: "*Wala man lang* front view *na ipinakita sa bayang karerista. Marami na namang kagaya ko ang nadukutan sa karerang yon. Kawawa naman ang mga mananaya. At saka baka nakataya ang mga* stewards *kay* Search for Gold."

Add my Silip Boy, grizzled trainer Ching Vicente, off-track bettors in Quezon City, Caloocan, Manila, Pasay and Muntinlupa and you practically have the whole *bayang karerista* slamming that Race 3 verdict!

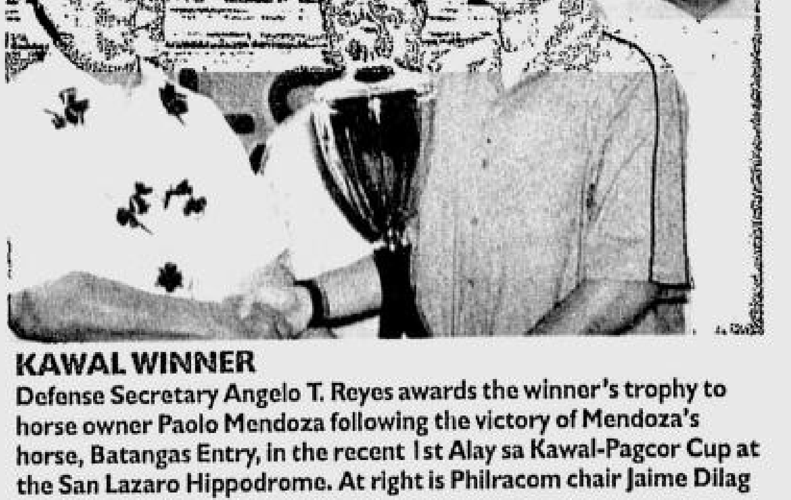
***

One Winner can be reached through evillanueva@inquirer.com.ph and sports@inquirer.com.ph

RACING TIPS

AT SAN LAZARO BY MR. 999

Race 1--1. Savvy Lad 2. Salt Lake City 3. Sir Pierre
Race 2--1. Sun Chief 2. Dragon Doding 3. Busand Strike 4. Good Quality 5. Charming Belle
Race 3--1. Dandansoy 2. Spectacular Queen 3. James Joy
Race 4--1. Queen Malawe 2. Sumasagitsit 3. Pride of Mandaue 4. King Fisher 5. Flying Carpet
Race 5--1. Sandata 2. D Joy of the Wild
Race 6--1. Queen Storm 2. Parola Sunrise 3. Sharp Bullet
Race 7--1. Highly Connected 2. Roppongi 3. Winning Post
Race 8--1. High Octane/Sabik 2. Explorer 3. Hotrod 4. King Edward 5. Free Way 6. Bright Star
Race 9--1. Best of Times 2. Fortius 3. Full Show 4. Sham Sham 5. Ray Moon
Race 10--1. Cameron 2. Regal Reality 3. Strong Element
Race 11--1. Penthouse/Solid Gold 2. Puppy Dog Tail 3. Caballero 4. Renzokuken 5. Sir Lancelot
Race 12--1. Halo Effect 2. Maayo Kaayo/Miss Anapat 3. Kay Gee Em Ey 4. I Love You 5. Field Master 6. Allusion
Race 13--1. Bidang Bida 2. Chief Navigator 3. Kay Rutina 4. Gold Pyramid 5. Royal Lantana
Race 14--1. Modern Classic 2. Morning Nell 3. Snowy Market 4. God Is Good 5. Celebration 6. Piker's palace



KAWAL WINNER

Defense Secretary Angelo T. Reyes awards the winner's trophy to horse owner Paolo Mendoza following the victory of Mendoza's horse, Batangas Entry, in the recent 1st Alay sa Kawal-Pagcor Cup at the San Lazaro Hippodrome. At right is Philracom chair Jaime Dilag and partly hidden is Alfredo Gella.

SUERTRES
0 7 3

SIX DIGIT (In exact order)
9 3 8 5 1 3

Sunday Sports

Editor **Al S. Mendoza** ◎ Associate Editor **Edwin M. Villanueva**

6/42 Luzon
7 16 18 27 37 39
Vis-Min
2 15 28 30 39 41

SAMSUNG CUP FINALS

Pals shoot for 2-0 margin

GAME TODAY *(Araneta Coliseum)*
5:30 p.m.–Red Bull vs Talk N Text (Game 2)
Game 1–Talk N Text d. Red Bull, 102-100

By June Navarro

THE TALK N Text Phone Pals will again arm themselves with heart and desire against the Batang Red Bull Thunder when they gun for a 2-0 lead in the PBA Samsung Commissioner's Cup Finals today at the Araneta Coliseum.

"They (Thunder) are scary. They're really really talented and if we don't come out with the same intensity, we'll lose four games in a row," said Talk N Text coach Bill Bayno.

The Phone Pals took Game 1 of the best-of-seven series, 102-100, last Friday night.

Donbel Belano, Kenny Evans, Gilbert Demape and Alex Crisano were all pumped up, giving imports Jerald Honeycutt and Pete Mickeal an easier task of containing Red Bull's challenge in the opener.

While Honeycutt and Mickeal were assigned to take care of the offensive chores, the rest of the Phone Pals were busy distracting and forcing the Thunder into costly turnovers on the other end.

Crisano, whose primary task was to put a body on Tony Lang, was intensity personified as the 6-foot-8 banger surprisingly made three of the Phone Pals' eight steals, eclipsing the two-steal output of the Thunder.

"Still, we absolutely remain as the underdogs because they simply have the ability and talent to blow us out," said Bayno.

"We don't have the talent to do that but if we stay together and play hard, we'll keep scratching out wins," he added.

So talented were the Thunder that six of their players—Julius Nwosu, Jimwell Torion, Lordy Tugade, Lang and Willie Miller—finished in double figures with still plenty of substitutes to spare.

RP 5 rips Spring

SELECTA-RP wore down Spring Cooking Oil in the fourth quarter to win pulling away, 97-70, yesterday in their tune-up game at the Moro Lorenzo Gym in Loyola Heights, Quezon City.

The Cooking Oil Masters were able to keep up with the Nationals most of the way, but the absence of seven-time PBA best import Bobby Parks, who got injured in the first quarter, and 2000 MBA most valuable player Romel Adducul finally took its toll and held them to just 13 points in the last 12 minutes.

Parks sustained a ruptured tendon above the knee and was operated on at 3 p.m. yesterday at St. Luke's Hospital. Kurt Salesman has been contacted by player-agent Danny Espiritu to take over Park's slot in the Cooking Oil Masters' stint in the Honghe Cup in Yunnan, China. *Roy Luarca*

Lang goes Awol

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

BATANG Red Bull needs to recall Tony Lang to active duty tonight. That is, if the Thunder intend to avenge their defeat at the hands of Talk N Text the other night.

Lang went Awol (absent without leave) in Game 1, the reason Red Bull got dehorned by Talk N Text in Game 1 of the PBA Commissioner's Cup title series.

Do you know that Lang was the most thunderous player before Game 1 was played on Friday night? He was averaging 22.7 points per game going to the playoffs.

I have one reason and one guess why Tony scored 14 points *lang* in Game 1.

The reason: Lang was muscled into submission by the burly Alex Crisano.

The guess: Lang wasn't in the mood at all to treat Crisano seriously.

For a guy like Lang who lost 8.7 points from his scoring average, that surely hurt. Red Bull lost by only two points to Talk N Text.

Lang had a toothache Friday night?

But still, Talk N Text is not to be denied. Like his title-hungry squad, coach Bill Bayno seems ready to rumble.

"We just came out with a lot of intensity tonight and that pulled us through," said Bayno after his Phone Pals defeated the Thunder, 102-100, on Friday.

The intensity showed in the last two quarters.

Talk N Text outscored Red Bull, 29-21, in the third quarter to erase a 49-52 second quarter deficit and surge ahead, 78-73.

In the fourth, the Phone Pals stood their ground with a Custer-like resolve to fight up to the end. Bayno was right. His boys' intensity bailed them out of trouble.

How many times has it been said that the small can defeat the big, the weak can outsmart the strong. Vietnam defeated America, David outsmarted Goliath.

Red Bull is the hands-down favorite in the best-of-seven series, no quarrel with that. The reason being that its imports are arguably the best there is in the league.

Still, Red Bull lost Game 1. And that's because Lang was doing something else somewhere. The other reasons—like several of the local Thunder having only sound but no fury—will matter not anymore.

Bayno believers, back to your seats, please?

I'm disappointed—Pierce

By Andrew Stern

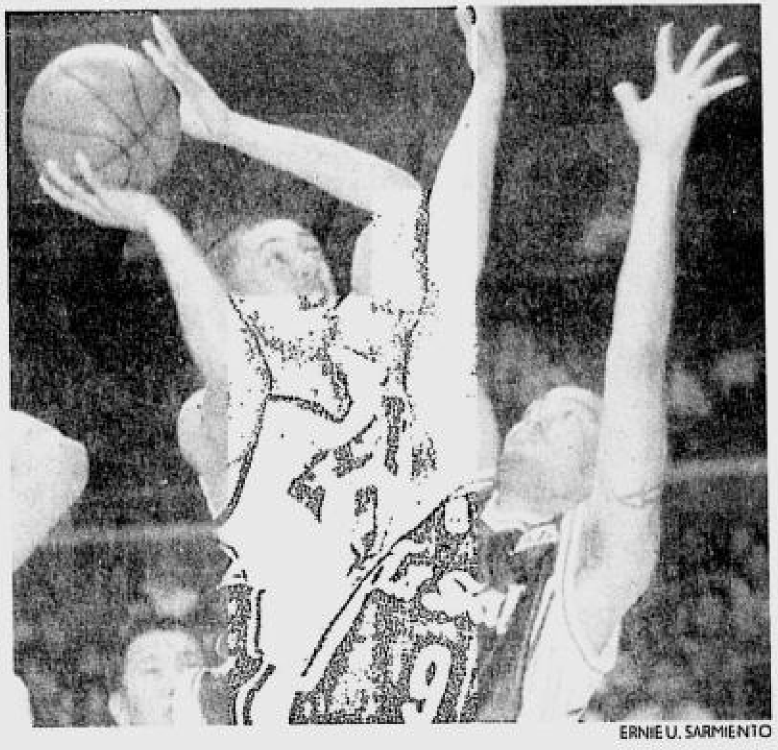
CHICAGO—Invincible no longer, Team USA was the basketball Dream Team that couldn't shoot straight for the second night in a row, raising doubts about how the sport is played in the country that invented it.

Newspapers heaped scorn on the NBA stars—admittedly not the league's best—for failing to qualify for a medal in the world championships at home in Indianapolis after losing to Argentina (87-80) and defending champions Yugoslavia (81-78).

The nightmare defeats broke a decade-long, 58-game winning streak for American professionals playing on the international stage.

It also upended American dominance in the century-old sport invented by a physical education teacher as an indoor diversion during brutal New England winters.

"It's difficult for me. It's tough to swallow," said Paul Pierce, the top American player in the tournament to date. "I'm very disappointed in the fact that we let our country down . . . on the US soil." *Reuters*



ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

MARK Isip of FEU (left) forces a shot against Carlo Sharma of La Salle. The Archers won, 83-79, for their 12th straight victory.

Cortez lifts La Salle to 12th straight win

By Dennis U. Eroa

GAMES TODAY *(Rizal Memorial Coliseum)*
2 p.m.–UP vs UST
4 p.m.–Ateneo vs Adamson

THE MIKE Cortez show proved special as defending champion La Salle breezed past Far Eastern University, 83-79, and moved to within two victories short of achieving the rare sweep yesterday in the UAAP Basketball Tournament at the Araneta Coliseum.

Unstoppable with his crossovers and laser-like passes, the six-foot Cortez also punished the bewildered Tamaraws with his timely jumpers and gravity-defying lay-ups as the Archers stretched their winning run to 12 games.

In the first game, Alfie Grijaldo shone as National University edged University of the East, 69-68, for its second victory in 13 starts.

Just like in their past games, the Green Archers started slow, making their moves only in the pivotal fourth quarter with Cortez and BJ Manalo dashing the Tamaraws' hopes with crucial hits, 75-65, 3:35 remaining.

At the end of the carnage, Cortez had 29 points, 11 in the fourth and 11 assists, missing the season's first-ever triple double performance with nine rebounds in 35 minutes of explosive action.

Manalo was also impressive with 18 points and triggered La Salle's elegant finish with two straight triples which unnerved the Tamaraws, who absorbed their seventh setback in 12 outings.

"Pound for pound, Mike is the best in the league," said La Salle mentor Franz Pumaren, who stressed that his charges are not going to treat their last two rivals—University of the Philippines (Sept. 12) and Ateneo (Sept. 14) lightly in order to equal the 14-game sweep registered by University of Santo Tomas in 1993.

In case of a sweep, La Salle, which is aiming the five-peat, will automatically be seeded into the finals which is a best-of-three affair.

Scores:

LA SALLE 83–Cortez 29, Manalo 18, Sta. Maria 13, Cardona 10, Yeo 6, Wilson 4, Sharma 3, Cabatu 0, Gavino 0, Ramos 0, Tang 0.

FEU 79–Calli 16, Jones 14, Sinco 12, Santos 11, Isip 9, Rizada 5, Miranda 5, Cutler 2, Garcia 1.

Quarters: 28-25; 41-40; 58-56; 83-79.

DEC. 20 FIGHT OK'D

Tokuyama shoulders Peñalosa training expenses

MASAMORI Tokuyama will not be stripped of his World Boxing Council superflyweight crown.

This came about yesterday after Jose Sulaiman, the WBC president, found satisfactory the compensation package from the Tokuyama camp to finance the huge training expenses of Filipino challenger Gerry Peñalosa as a result of the fight postponement.

"Don Jose (Sulaiman) is really a gentleman of the first degree," said a jubilant Rudy Salud. "Because of him, everything's been settled. As the saying goes, all's well that ends well."

SALUD

The Tokuyama-Peñalosa rematch was moved to Dec. 20 in Osaka, Japan, from Nov. 8.

Salud said he agreed to the postponement after consulting Peñalosa's American trainer, Freddie Roach.

"Freddie said he will make the necessary adjustments so that Gerry's peaking will not be affected by fight time," said Salud.

Sulaiman ordered Tokuyama to pay the plane tickets of Peñalosa and his brother Carlos Jr. for Manila-Los Angeles-Osaka-Manila and two more tickets for Roach and an American cutman (Los Angeles-Osaka-Los Angeles).

"On top of that," said Salud, "Tokuyama will also pay for the board and lodging of Gerry and his brother for 45 days in Hollywood, California."

Salud said Peñalosa and his entourage will leave the United States on Dec. 14 for Osaka, six days before the fight at the Osaka Prefecture Gymansium. *ASM*

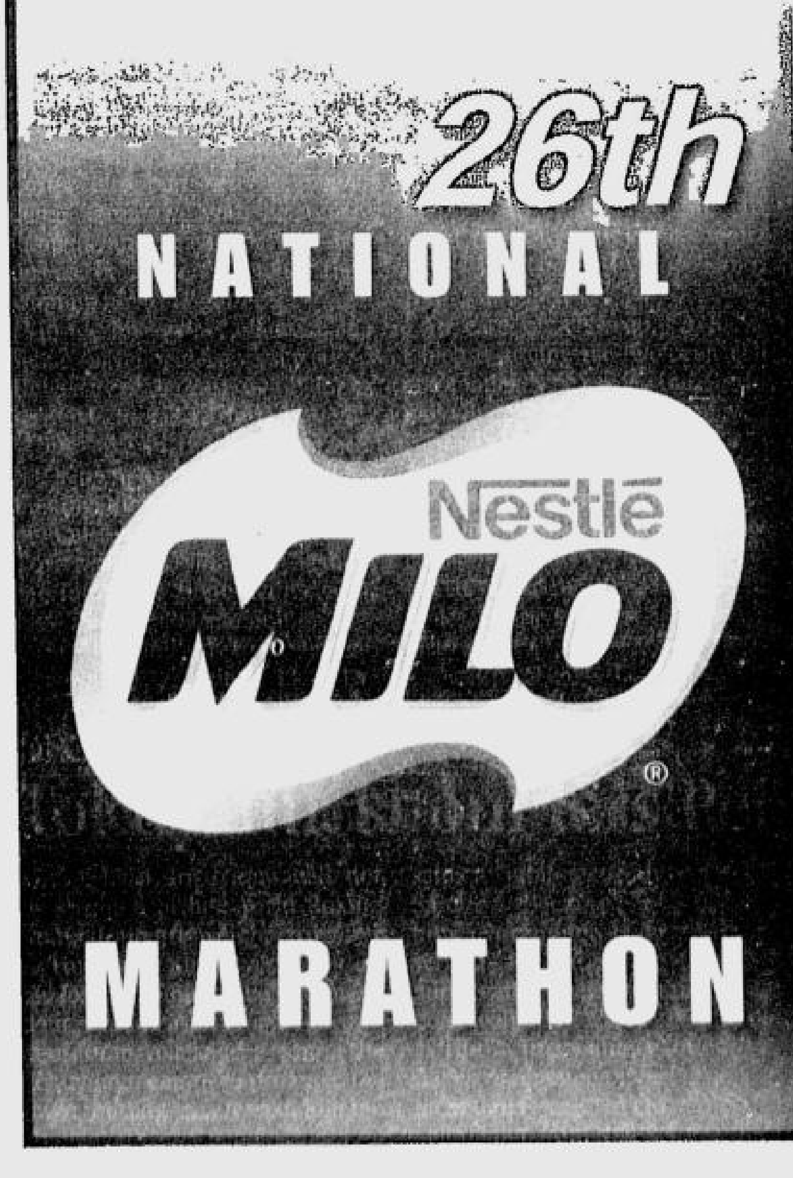
'Fistorama' on RPN-9

SAN MIGUEL Beer's "Fistorama" today features super bantamweights Roel Mangan of Mandaue City and Judifiel Alco of Surigao in 10 rounds of exciting boxing. The fight was held recently at the Mandaue City Sports Complex in a fight card promoted by Terry Carter. Fistorama, now on its second season, is aired every Sunday noon on RPN 9. It is produced by Joe Cantada Sports and presented by San Miguel.

Billiard International Proshop

Product Listings:
Olhausen Billiard Tables – U.S. made
Brunswick Billiard Tables
Soccer Tables – U.S. & Italian made
Predator 2K and 3K Series Cues & Cases
Meucci Cues, JOSS Cues
Viking Cues – Millennium Series
Scorpion and 5280 Cues
Longoni Cues & Cases – Italian made
McDermott, J.Pechauer Cues
Mali Cues, Cuetec Cues
and Imperial Cues
Simonis 760 and 860 Cloth
Mali Cloth
Sardo Tight Rack
Aramith "Belgian" Balls
Layered Tips:
Moori, Sniper, Everest, Tiger, Talisman, Cuetec, Win Tips, Hercules and Dynamite Tips
Plus more accessories...

We are located at Unit 516, Level 5
Shangri-la Plaza Mall, Mandaluyong City
Tel. 631-63-61 or 631-60-29



OLONGAPO RACE
September 29, 2002 • 6:00 AM

REGISTRATION FEES
20-K Elimination Run ₱50.00
5-K Fun Run ₱40.00
3-K Kiddie Run ₱30.00

CONTACT DETAILS
Councilor Rolen Paulino
Sangguniang Panglunsod
2nd Floor, Olongapo City Hall
Rizal Avenue, Olongapo City
(047) 222-5401 / 224-8368

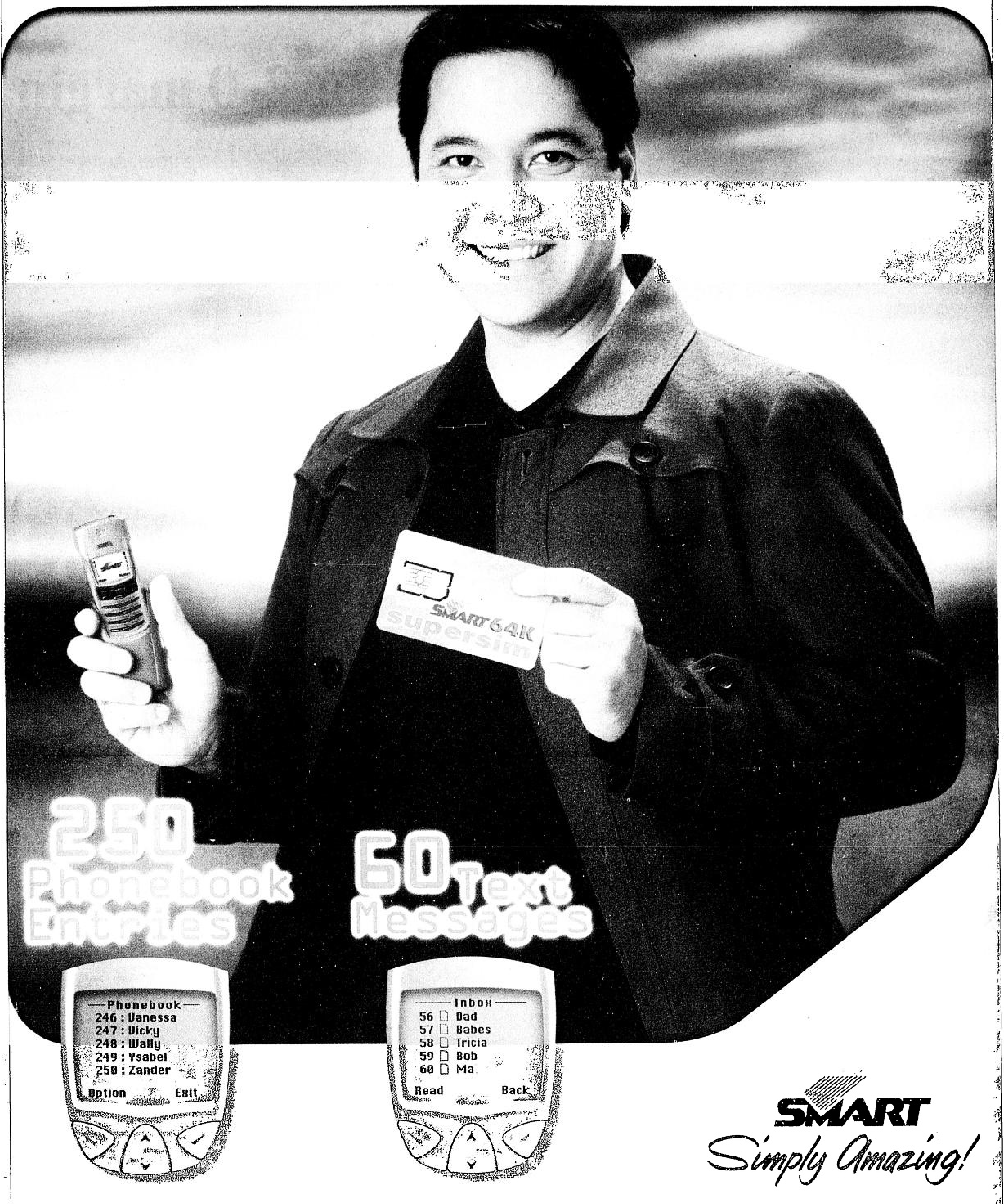
Deadline for submission of entries: SEPTEMBER 21, 2002

In cooperation with:
BAYVIEW PARK HOTEL MANILA "Your Home by the Bay"
adidas
CEBU PACIFIC
Ford

visit www.milo.com.ph

Per DOH-BFAD Permit No. 0225 s. 2002

Simply the most power-packed


SMART 64K supersim
250 Phonebook Entries
60 Text Messages
Phonebook
246 : Vanessa
247 : Vicky
248 : Wally
249 : Ysabel
250 : Zander
Option
Exit
Inbox
56 Dad
57 Babes
58 Tricia
59 Bob
60 Ma
Read
Back
SMART
Simply Amazing!

Only SMART 64K Super SIM Allows You To Store Up To 250 Phonebook Entries And 60 Text Messages In Your Inbox*

Enjoy these other power-packed advantages:

- Switch from the power of SMART zed to the convenience of SMART Money without having to change SIM cards

  With SMART zed, get easy access to the widest range of services! Get the power to avail of almost everything under the sun: from up-to-the-minute news to e-mail to ringtones and logos to movie schedules and more!

  With SMART Money, experience the first and only mobile e-commerce service in the country!
  Shop without cash, reload your friend's SMART GSM celfone over-the-air and even get the ability to send flowers to your loved ones or have pizza delivered to wherever you want all with just a few clicks on your celfone.
- Send secure text messages that only your intended recipient can read with PRIVATE TEXT
- Shortlist your SMART zed menu by selecting and keeping only the services that you want for true personalization

*SIM phonebook memory and Inbox capacity are handset dependent.

4 ways to get your SMART 64K Super SIM

- Purchase a SMART 64K Super SIM
- Purchase a SMART celfone powered by a SMART 64K Super SIM
- SIM swap your non-SMART SIM card to a SMART 64K Super SIM
- For existing SMART subscribers, upgrade to a SMART 64K Super SIM and retain your existing SMART GSM number

The New SMART 64K Super SIM. Be Aware Of Its Power.

For questions, comments, or concerns, you may call the SMART Hotline at 888-1111, send a text message to 888 (P1.00 per message sent in excess of the FREE TEXT allocation), e-mail us at customercare@smart.com.ph, or visit the SMART Wireless Center nearest you.

■ NCRPO bans motorcycle cops as escorts /A22

METRO

Editor **Louie C. Camino**

Check out today's issue of
sunday INQUIRER magazine
for a chance to win a diamond solitaire ring
[redacted]
C.CAMEO'S FINE JEWELLERY SINCE 1935

Disabled support Fernando's campaign

By TJ Burgonio, Leila B. Salaverria, Tina Santos

METRO Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando has the will to rid the streets of the metropolis of sidewalk vendors and in the process reduce the risks that face persons with disabilities.

Pointing this out, a group of persons with disabilities (PWDs) has thrown its support behind the chair of the MMDA who has come under fire from several sectors for his metro-wide campaign against illegal vendors.

Manuel Batac, president of the Pinagbuklod Bagong Pag-asa As-

DISABLED/A22

EXPRESS ADVICE

To keep your ATM card functioning properly, take good care of it. Keep it away from magnets, metal detectors, water, abrasive surfaces or direct sunlight.

BPI EXPRESS TELLER
The fully-loaded ATM card.
express teller

Noble plans for cops' fitness center

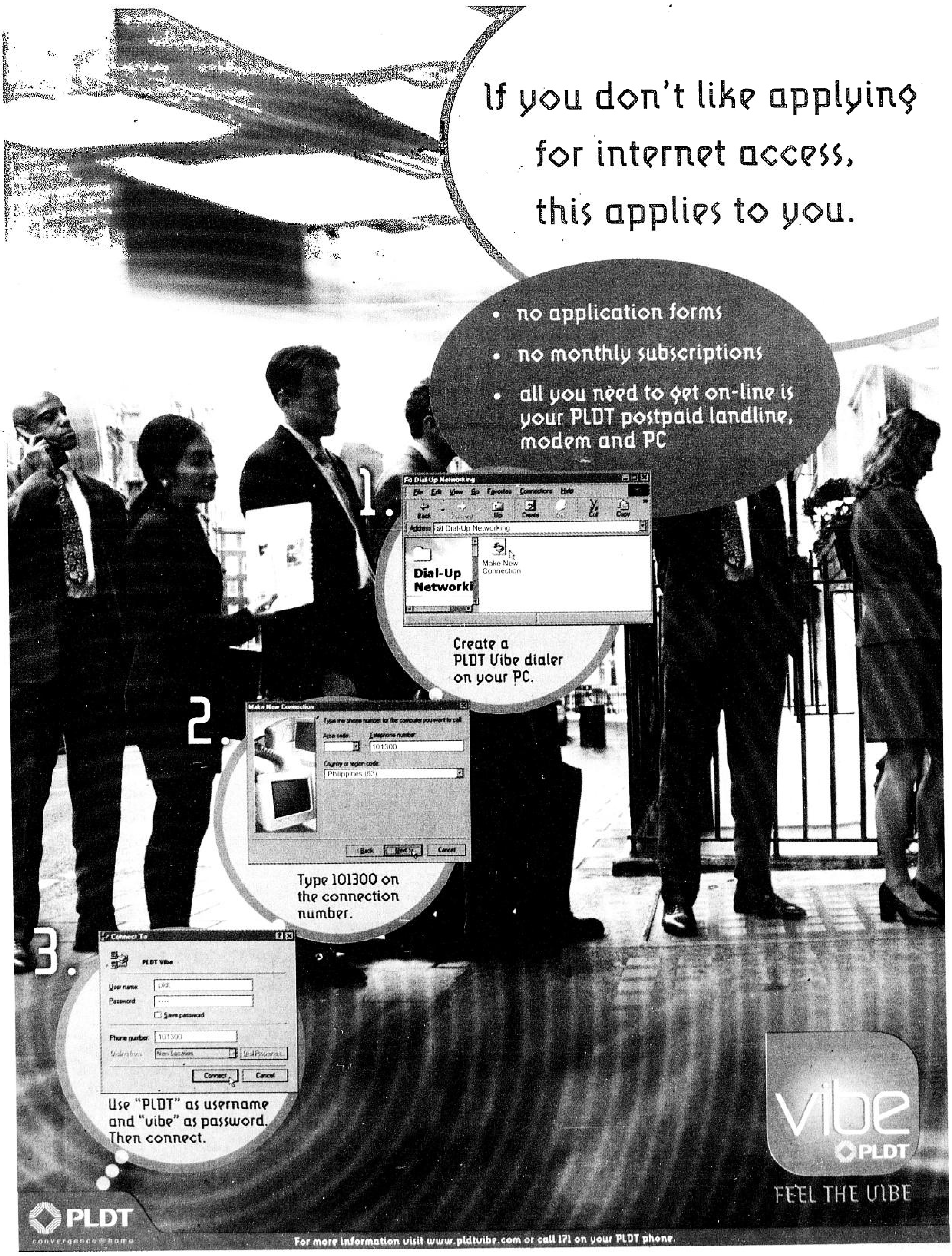
By TJ Burgonio

SOON, police officers, who want to work out, get a soothing massage and sing the blues away after hours of paperwork or scuffles with violent protesters in the streets don't have to leave the police main camp.

A couple of months from now, a swanky fitness center, complete with a gym, a sauna, a videoke bar and a mini-bar, among other amenities, will rise right inside the Philippine National Police headquarters in Camp Crame, Quezon City.

This center will be staffed with professional gym instructors,

NOBLE/A22



If you don't like applying for internet access, this applies to you.

- no application forms
- no monthly subscriptions
- all you need to get on-line is your PLDT postpaid landline, modem and PC

1. Create a PLDT Vibe dialer on your PC.

Address: Dial-Up Networking

2. Type 101300 on the connection number.

Telephone number: 101300
Country or region code: Philippines (63)

3. Use "PLDT" as username and "vibe" as password. Then connect.

PLDT Vibe
User name: pldt
Password: ••••
☐ Save password
Phone number: 101300
Dialing from: New Location

For more information visit www.pldtvibe.com or call 171 on your PLDT phone.

Dial-Up Networking
File
Edit
View
Go
Favorites
Connections
Help
Back
Forward
Up
Create
Cut
Copy
Dial-Up Networki
Make New Connection
Type the phone number for the computer you want to call
Area code
< Back
Next >
Cancel
Connect To
Dial Properties
Connect
Cancel
vibe
PLDT
FEEL THE VIBE
PLDT
convergence@home

Disabled support. . .

From page A21

sociation Inc., said Fernando's drive to clear the sidewalks of illegal vendors has reduced the risks that PWDs face daily while commuting.

Batac said that with the sidewalks cleaned of vendors, PWDs, especially those who are wheelchair-bound or walk on crutches, can use sidewalks without fear of being sideswiped by vehicles.

"Because of your efforts, we can now freely use the sidewalk and get to our office, school and home safe and sound," Batac said in a letter to Bayani. "Now, we are not forced to walk on the main road and compete with speeding vehicles. We are less exposed to vehicular accidents."

Batac, 45, is suffering from progressive muscular dystrophy and is bound to a wheelchair.

He said that until Bayani launched his drive, sidewalk vendors had posed as obstacles not only to ordinary pedestrians but also to disabled persons.

He urged Fernando not to be affected by criticisms against his campaign.

"We will always be behind you and will continue to support your noble mission," Batac said. "Of all those who have served as chair of the MMDA, only you has displayed a strong political will to remove the sidewalk vendors.

"We've been deprived of our right to use clear sidewalks for a long time. We hope that other officials would emulate you and also implement the law."

Fernando has been criticized by vendors, cause-oriented groups and some local officials for driving vendors away from sidewalk to ease the traffic in the metropolis. He has instead proposed that the vendors sell their wares inside public markets.

Fernando yesterday said Metro Manila mayors holding a dialogue with sidewalk vendors does not mean that the mayors are withdrawing support for his campaign.

He said he and the mayors are still one in their goal of returning the sidewalks to the people, even though they may have different methods.

Fernando was reacting to reports that mayors Lito Atienza of Manila and Benhur Abalos Jr. would take part in a dialogue with vendors to discuss other options for illegal vendors.

"I talked with Mayor Abalos," Fernando said. "He said that (his attendance in the forum) does not mean that he is not supporting the MMDA's campaign. You can call him if you want."

The INQUIRER tried but failed to reach Abalos yesteday.

"They still support me, even Mayor (Lito) Atienza (of Manila)," Fernando insisted. "(Atienza) wants to remove obstructions, but he has a different system."

Atienza had earlier proposed a "win-win" solution to the problem of illegal sidewalk vendors: giving them a portion of the sidewalk.

The MMDA chair said it would be "okay" with him if Metro Manila mayors use their own methods in ridding their sidewalks of impediments.

"I would be okay with what they want," he said. "We understand each other."

Bayan-NCR spokesperson Ron Hubbard had earlier said Atienza and Abalos promised to attend the Sept. 17 forum for sidewalk vendors, while mayors Jejomar Binay of Makati and Peewee Trinidad of Pasay sent feelers about attending the meeting and Soledad Eusebio of Pasig agreeing "in principle" to be in the meeting.

The Metro Manila Vendors' Alliance (MMVA) yesterday urged Atienza and Abalos to declare their respective cities "free from the MMDA's harassment of vendors." It said the mayors should not allow MMDA personnel to continue with the sidewalk clearing operations until comprehensive solutions are offered.

The group invited Atienza, Abalos and the other mayors to join the MMVA's rally in front of the MMDA office on Tuesday.

Fernando said he understands the vendors' call for his ouster.

"That's what they want, to remain on the sidewalks," he said. "I understand that."

Fernando earlier said he would not be cowed into stopping his campaign because he has to do his job and implement the law.

Congressmen in northern towns and cities yesterday called Fernando's campaign "illegal and inhuman."

Representatives Enrico "Recom" Echiverri (District I) and Edgar Erice (District II) of Caloocan City, Magtanggol "Magi" Gunigundo of Valenzuela City and Ricky Sandoval of Navotas-Malabon were one in opposing the methods of the former Marikina mayor, particularly his use of kerosene to destroy the merchandise of vendors.

"His intention may be good but his scheme is arbitrary," said Echiverri.

"I respect the way he does it but I think it's too harsh," said Sandoval. "If he wants to really teach (vendors) a lesson, I believe there's a better way to do it."

The congressmen clarified that Metro Manila lawmakers are all supportive of the government's campaign to clear the streets of all obstructions to ease the flow of both pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

"There's no question that we are all for reclaiming the sidewalks," said Erice. "But Fernando should understand that poverty is a bigger problem than illegal vendors."

Gunigundo said the MMDA should instead coordinate with local governments in implementing policies against illegal vendors since the MMDA has no police powers.

Gunigundo said that the clearing of sidewalks should be followed by the implementation of a program that would benefit the affected vendors.

Sandoval, echoing a proposal that Atienza had made earlier, suggested that instead of destroying vendors' goods with kerosene, they should be given to orphanages and other charity organizations.

ATIENZA'S WAY
Is this illegal? Manila Mayor Lito Atienza's "organized vending system" allows vendors to stay on sidewalks, such as on Trece de Agosto Street in Paco (above) and Villalobos Street in Quiapo. Opposition Councilor Benjamin Asilo has condemned the mayor's method which he said ceded the sidewalks and side streets to vendors without the authorization of the city council. But the mayor insists that pedestrians and motorists can still use Trece de Agosto and Villalobos.

Mayor hits LLDA for closing Savory

By Jerome Aning and Leila B. Salaverria

MAYOR Lito Atienza yesterday hit the Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA) for closing the Savory Restaurant on Plaza Muralla near Jones Bridge in Binondo, Manila without first coordinating with City Hall.

But an LLDA official said there is no need for the authority to inform local government units of the closure of establishments found to be polluting Laguna Lake.

Atienza said allowing government agencies such as the LLDA to operate in Manila without prior coordination "will result in chaos and send the wrong signals to the city's business community."

"The LLDA is not an omnipotent government arm that can operate anywhere with impunity," he said. "It cannot run roughshod over business establishments in the city."

He warned the LLDA that its members would face legal sanctions, even arrest, if they insist on operating in Manila without proper coordination.

He said he ordered the city police to apprehend members of the LLDA or any other agency operating in the city, especially those enforcing closure orders on business establishments, without coordinating with City Hall.

LLDA Assistant General Manager Dolly Nepomuceno said it is within the LLDA's mandate to close down establishments found to be violating Presidential Decree 984, or the Philippine Pollution Control law.

"The LLDA is empowered to enforce that law and that includes adjudication of environment findings," Nepomuceno said. "We are authorized to close down any polluting source after due process."

She said that the LLDA had informed the restaurant owners of their violations as early as year 2000. A series of public hearings was conducted before the establishment was ordered to cease operations, she said.

LLDA officials ordered the closure after they learned that restaurant employees were dumping untreated waste in the Pasig River, which flows to the Laguna Lake.

"We have to do our job," she said. "We're confident that the mayor will understand."

Motorcycle cops banned from escorting funerals

By Alcuin Papa

POLICEMEN on motorcycles are supposed to fight crime, not to serve as escorts in funerals and weddings.

This was the stern statement of Deputy Director Reynaldo Velasco, head of the National Capital Region Police Office, when he issued a directive yesterday banning motorcycle policemen from escorting wedding and funeral parties.

"These motorcycles were provided by the NCRPO for the prevention and suppression of crimes, and are not for use in weddings and funerals," Velasco stressed. "We want our cops to be counted on to be at their assigned battleposts at the designated time."

He added that any motorcycle policeman caught escorting weddings and funerals will be slapped with administrative charges.

Velasco called on citizens to report any motorcycle-riding policeman who violates his directive.

"The citizenry deserves to have cops as law enforcers, not cops acting as escorts," Velasco said. "We must not shortchange the public on their expectations of the police force."

For as low as P1,000, people in Metro Manila can hire a motorcycle policeman to escort funeral trains or wedding parties through traffic and see them to their destination.

5 suspected car thieves killed in Bulacan

By Carmela Reyes
PDI Central Luzon Desk

FIVE suspected car thieves were shot dead while another was wounded in a 15-minute shootout with police at the suspects' hideout in Hagonoy, Bulacan on Wednesday.

Police identified only two of the slain suspects: Cpl. Aurelio Pecitas Jr., an Army Scout Ranger, and Pablito Tumala.

A Bulacan police team under SPO4 Angelito Caisip of the Traffic Management Group in Malolos town engaged the suspects in the shootout after another gang member, a certain Danny, was earlier arrested in Calumpit town.

During questioning, Danny revealed the whereabouts of his companions, police said.

Caisip's men tracked down the suspects near a river in Sitio Wawa, Barangay Iba, where the suspects were drinking. The suspects reportedly tried to shoot it out with the lawmen but they were gunned down.

Two hours later, President Macapagal-Arroyo arrived, took off her shoes and walked barefoot through the narrow dike toward the scene.

She commended the policemen and village officials for their participation in the campaign against criminals.

"We need to be more vigilant now and report immediately to the police any person who is (involved in) suspicious activities," she later told reporters.

Recovered from the suspects were three .45-caliber pistols, two .38-caliber revolvers, two hand grenades and a white Toyota Corolla.

Sta. Cruz grocery owner robbed, shot dead

By Jerome Aning

THE KILLERS might have been watching William Quan when he closed his grocery in Sta. Cruz, Manila for the day and prepared to go home Friday night.

When Quan, 55, went to the back seat of his car, a Mitsubishi Spacegear van (WAV-967), to sort his things and prepare to leave, four strangers , one of whom was armed with a .45-cal. handgun, approached the car, announced a holdup and repeatedly shot the businessman who, according to witnesses, tried to resist.

Police said the men took Quan's attache case, wallet, wristwatch and bracelet before fleeing toward Oroquieta Street.

Quan, married and a resident of San Francisco del Monte, Quezon City, owned the J.Q. Mart grocery on Rizal Avenue in Sta. Cruz, police said.

A resident, Oscar Eric Gutierrez, brought the wounded Quan to the nearby Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center where he was declared dead on arrival.

Homicide detective SPO2 Edmundo Cabal said four empty .45-caliber shells and two deformed slugs were recovered at the crime scene.

Cabal said the men probably had been watching Quan's movements as he prepared to leave the store about 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The investigator was still trying to determine if robbery was indeed the motive for the shooting.

30 YEARS FOR A CAUSE
Vice President Teofisto Guingona (third from left) joins (from left) Alay Lakad Foundation president Frank Evaristo, Interior and Local Government Secretary Jose Lina and Social Welfare and Development Secretary Dinky Soliman on the 30th anniversary of the Alay Lakad walk for a cause, which raised more than P1 million in donations and pledges.

NBI wants to keep Medel

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation will ask the Quezon City Regional Trial Court tomorrow for permission to retain custody of Phillip Medel, one of the principal suspects in the Nida Blanca murder case.

NBI National Capital Regional chief Edmund Arugay yesterday cited security reasons as the basis of the request to keep Medel detained at the NBI office in Manila.

Medel is being tried by the Quezon City court for a libel charge but he has not yet posted the required P10,000-bail, according to the NBI.

The court wants the NBI to transfer Medel to the Quezon City Jail while the case is being tried. The Blanca case is still in the preliminary investigation stage before the Department of Justice.

Jerome Aning

Noble plans for fitness. . .

From page A21

masseurs and waiters. And unlike your commercial fitness centers, it will only charge P100 entrance fee to cover its maintenance costs.

The project originator, Chief Supt. Prospero Noble, base commander of Camp Crame and chief of the Headquarters Support Service (HSS), had long thought of putting up a cozy fitness center where officers can limber up and later, unwind.

"Here, they can lift weights, and later have a steam bath and a good massage," said Noble. Or they can go up and watch TV in the lounging room or sing their favorite tunes at the karaoke bar. It's virtually a one-stop shop."

Besides, the present workout area, which is tucked away in a dusty, dark corner of the camp's gymnasium, has become dilapidated and its set of equipment rusty. "It's not presentable anymore," added Noble, himself a health buff.

The whole project, including the set of second-hand gym equipment, is projected to cost at least P2.5 million, which will be sourced from the camp's income and the AFP Savings and Loan Association Inc. (AFPSLAI).

Noble has acquired a building, which stands right next to his HSS office and which used to serve as a pelota court and a taekwondo training area for policemen, for the fitness center. It's now being renovated.

The center, which is intended to cater to commissioned officers (from lieutenants to generals), lies just outside the gate leading to the row of officers' quarters inside the camp and hence is very accessible.

This was Noble's idea of the center: A gym, separate massage cubicles for men and women, a shower room for men and a powder room for women will be built on the ground floor. A lounging room, a bar and videoke bar will be on the upper floor.

To keep the place "clean," there won't be high, solid walls between the massage cubicles. Instead, low dividers will be built to give the center's staff a view of the whole place, Noble said.

As for the videoke bar upstairs, hard liquor and beer won't be served. Only red wine will be served to keep the officers sober as they warble their favorite songs. Definitely, smoking within the premises is prohibited, he said.

It will be managed by officials of the Association of Chiefs of Police of the Philippines.

ENTERTAINMENT

Editor **Louie C. Camino**

WEBBE

JAMES

COSTA

Manila tickled pink by Blue visit

By Marinel R. Cruz

THE RHYTHM and blues genre is indeed "colorful." Amber, for instance, seduced many listeners with her "Sexual La Di Da." Other colors are represented by the four-member boy group Code Red, the sexy trio Blaque, the feisty singer Pink. And then there is Blue, the newest and hottest R&B quartet from London.

Blue, comprised of Duncan James, Anthony Costa and Simon Webbe, was recently in Manila for a three-day promotional tour of their debut album, "All Rise."

Their fourth and youngest member, Lee Ryan, figured in a recent motorcycle mishap during a magazine photo shoot and doctors prohibited him from touring until his full recovery.

The R&B group that gave us hits like "All Rise," "Fly By" and "Best In Me" capped its Southeast Asian tour with a successful one-night concert at the NBC Tent.

Webbe, in an interview with the Inquirer on Sept. 2 at the Discovery Suites in Pasig City, said the band's second album would be released in Europe in November, with the blues-sounding "One Love" as its carrier track.

"We shot the video for 'One Love' in Los Angeles," Webbe said. "It is a very simple song. It was made by the same producer who created 'All Rise' and 'Fly By.'"

The band members believe that music must come from within the artist and must be expressed in a manner that is truthful both to the performer himself and to his listeners.

Blue wrote six songs for its first album and about 90 percent of the songs in its latest one.

"An artist must not be pushed to do things he does not believe in," Webbe said.

"We've met a lot of bands who have been forced to a certain style of music," he said. "Once they're popular and have released two albums or so, they start changing their original sound. When artists sell out, they are not able to express themselves the way they want to."

Among Blue's songs, "Long Time" is closest to Webbe's heart. The song, which he wrote with Costa, speaks of the grief of losing a loved one.

"When I sing it, I think about

MANILA/A26

NEWER, BIGGER, BRIGHTER
NOW A FULL SCALE MUSICAL!!!

Onstage
GREENBELT

BY POPULAR DEMAND

"More engaging,
funnier, and
still very gay..."
Alex Vergara
PDI Writer

illusione ENCORE

Fri. Sept. 13 & Sat. Sept. 14 @ 8:30PM
Saturday Sept. 14 Matinee 4:00 PM

For ticket reservations call TicketWorld 891-5610
Ticket Prices: P300 P 500 P800

Dove WG&A SuperFerry INQUIRER BPS ENTERTAINMENT

Mother Lily: I'm not fighting with Aga or his manager

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

REGAL Films matriarch **Lily Monteverde** insists there's no bad blood between her and Aga **Muhlach** because of the actor's absence in this month's issue of Yes Magazine's special gatefold cover (a la Vanity Fair) for Regal's 40th anniversary.

The glossy mag cover shows Mother Lily with her Regal babies through the years, from "Underage" stars **Maricel Soriano, Dina Bonnevie** and **Snooky Serna** to child star **Aiza Seguerra**, sexy actresses **Assunta de Rossi, Ara Mina** and Regal's latest discovery, **Aubrey Miles.**

Richard Gomez and **Albert Martinez**, both former Regal babies, also joined the cover pictorial.

Mother Lily initially felt bad that Aga didn't join the shoot, since she considers the actor a part of the Regal stable of stars.

"I'm just like a mother who gets hurt," said Mother Lily, who was one of the principal sponsors during the wedding of Aga and **Charlene Gonzales** in Baguio last year. "I consider Aga my son. He's been a part of the Regal family."

It turned out, however, that Aga didn't know anything about the pictorial. Still, despite the mix-up, he called up Mother Lily three weeks ago and explained his side.

Although still smarting from the no-show, Mother Lily said she does not mean to create trouble or fight with anyone, certainly not with Aga's talent manager, **Ethel Ramos.**

"I don't want this to grow out of proportions, I want this settled right away," Mother Lily said.

"I'm not angry. I just became vocal about my sentiments because I was emotional and I was hurt. But I still love Aga. Maybe one day we can have dinner and talk again. I'm also grateful to Ethel because she has helped me a lot."

Regal is marking its 40th anniversary as a film outfit this year. Although it has been producing films for only 26 years, it has been into film distribution for 40 years.

"I only want the best for my Regal babies, past and present," Mother Lily said. "I believe they will be there for me until I die."

Mother Lily knows the actor didn't really start in show biz under Regal but under Viva when he was launched in **Maryo J. de los Reyes'** "Bagets." But Aga did more than a dozen films under the Regal banner and even won acting awards for some of them.

"*Naglalambing lang ako* when I asked him to do the pictorial, through Ethel," Mother Lily said. "I don't think there's anything wrong with that."

A source close to Aga told me it was really impossible to get Aga to do the Yes Magazine pictorial because of his out-of-town shooting schedules. Throughout the week, he was on location either in Pampanga or Bicol for his Star Cinema movie with **Claudine Barretto.**

Allen's breaks

ALLEN Dizon has been getting one good break after another.

Allen has worked with a number of good directors such as **Jose Javier Reyes** in "Luksong Tinik," **Mario O'Hara** in "Sindak," **Edgardo Boy Vinarao** in "Saranggani," **Jeffrey Jeturian** in "Pila Balde" and **Gilbert Perez** in "Trip."

Allen's favorite, however, is "Molata," directed by **Francis "Jun" Posadas.** The film gave Allen a best actor nomination in the 1999 Asia Pacific Film Festival in Bangkok.

Although he lost in the best actor race, Allen considers it an achievement to be cited for his acting in a foreign film film festival.

He also earned good reviews for his performance in FLT Films'

MOTHER/A26

DIZON. One good break after another..

Why are we offering this authentic

Statue Of The Virgin In A Dome Immersed In The *Miraculous* Water Of Lourdes?

If you have one or more wishes you would like to come true quickly, read the following, before it's too late:

During my last trip to Europe, I was amazed to see how many people had these sumptuous statues of the Virgin. But what surprised me most was that this statue — made in Lourdes, France — is covered by a clear dome *FILLED WITH THE MIRACULOUS WATER OF LOURDES.*

The first question that came to mind was: "Just why do so many people have this statue of the Virgin immersed in the Miraculous Waters of Lourdes?"

I immediately went to Lourdes to find out. What I discovered there is amazing.

It is no surprise that for more than a century, two million pilgrims have been traveling annually to Lourdes to be close to these waters with their limitless powers. And some of these individuals even manage to bring back some of the Miraculous Water of Lourdes with them.

Water from Lourdes: Miraculous Water with limitless powers

The Virgin has appeared *18 times* in Lourdes. And so Lourdes is considered to be the prime location on earth for powerful beneficial forces — the place where the world's most numerous and astounding miracles occur. There is no scientific explanation for the beneficial forces concentrated in the waters flowing from the sacred source in the Cave of Miracles.

Wherever this Water goes, the beneficial powers of Lourdes follow

A vast number of people who possess even a few drops of this water constantly attest to the positive changes and fortunate events that occur in all aspects of their lives: money, love, success, luck, fulfillment and happiness.

It is perhaps even more incredible that these fortunate events occur for people of all races, creeds and origins!

Even for non-believers! And the kinds of miracles that occur are wide ranging and varied. Thousands of testimonials are incontestable proof of these miracles.

For example, there are those who needed money — and received it unexpectedly:

- Mr Michael Jalik got more than half a million dollars less than one month after receiving the Miraculous Water of Lourdes.
- Ms Jeanne Connell won $20,000.00 shortly after receiving the Miraculous Water of Lourdes. She gave some to her daughter, who immediately won $3,000.00.
- Only 6 hours after receiving the Miraculous Water of Lourdes, Mrs. Laura Haber, who had been experiencing financial difficulties, unexpectedly received $75,000.00.

And these are just 3 examples. Three examples among thousands upon thousands of others.

Five thousand scientists who were skeptical or who didn't believe in the supernatural powers of the Miraculous Waters of Lourdes went to Lourdes to study them. And while they could not explain all the miracles they observed, they had to admit these miracles did in fact occur. They even certified that the Water of Lourdes is genuinely miraculous

For the first time you can now receive this authentic statue of the Virgin covered in a dome filled with the Miraculous Water of Lourdes

If you cannot travel to Lourdes, France; and to these Miraculous Waters.... the Miraculous Waters of Lourdes can now come to you. And they can stay with you. Not just for a few days or a few weeks. But *FOREVER.* Don't forget that *wherever* this Water goes, the limitless powers of Lourdes go with it.

Each statue of the Virgin is made in Lourdes and hand-painted by talented craftsmen. Each statue is then covered with a phosphorescent mystic substance to make it glow in the dark. Then these craftsmen protect the statue in a clear protective dome filled with the Miraculous Water, taken directly from the original source in the Cave of Miracles.

Consequently, it is no surprise the value of this statue and the Miraculous Water in which it is immersed is inestimable. What's more, the source of Lourdes Water is small and the demand for its water is worldwide.

If you have any wishes you want to come true quickly, order your statue of the Virgin immersed in the Miraculous Water of Lourdes. A contribution of only P299 is requested per statue to cover its importation expense.

As president of the Lourdes Research Organization, I was able to bring some statues back with me on my return from Europe. To my knowledge, this is the first time — and perhaps the last— they are available. And quantities are very limited.

To receive one or more statues, just fill in and mail the coupon below to the indicated address. We ask a mere contribution of P299 per statue to contribute to their distribution costs (+airfreight charges, insurance and customs handling).

Unfortunately, we probably will not be able to meet all requests. To benefit from this very special offer, please sign the document appearing on the coupon. By doing so you agree merely to send us a brief letter about the fortunate and unexpected events you experience thanks to the powers of the Miraculous Waters of Lourdes surrounding your statue.

President, Lourdes Research Organization

Note: Orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Don't you think it would be a shame to fail to benefit from this special offer today, by responding too late?

To be sure to reserve your statue of the Virgin immersed in the Miraculous Waters of Lourdes, fill in the coupon below right now and mail it today — *and no later than midnight on Friday of next week*

Important notice: Take advantage of this special P299 offer which we may never be able to make again — to order several statues and help us spread joy and happiness among your friends and family.

Each statue of the Virgin is accompanied by a certificate attesting:

- that it is made in Lourdes, France
- that the water in which it is immersed is the Miraculous Water taken from the Cave of Miracles of Lourdes.

Guarantee

If for any reason you no longer wish to keep your statue/s of the Virgin immersed in the Miraculous Waters of Lourdes at some point in the future, just return it. Your contribution will then be *immediately* returned to you IN FULL.

- Made by qualified craftsmen in Lourdes, France
- Glows in the dark!
- Accompanied by a certificate of authenticity stating that it is contained in a transparent dome filled with water taken from the source of the Miraculous Water of Lourdes

Enlarged for details

Special Coupon

Mail today to:
Lourdes World Research
P.O. BOX 2062 MCPO 1000, Manila

YES, I want to receive ____ statue/s of the Virgin immersed in the Miraculous Water of Lourdes.

☐ I enclose a contribution of P299 per statue to cover postal, insurance, freight, and handling charges.

Please immediately send me:
☐ 1 statue — Only P299
☐ 2 statues — Only P598
☐ 3 statues — Only P897
☐ Save P200: 5 statues — Only P1295
☐ Save P350: 10 statues — Only P2640

Payment/Delivery Method:
☐ **Postal C.O.D. (Cash on Delivery)** - Pay at the post office to claim your parcel.
☐ **Express Mail Service** - Enclosed check*/postal money order payable to *Lourdes World Research* and wait for your order delivered at your doorstep.

Complete Name
Complete Mailing Addres
Tel. No. ______
Zip Code /___/___/___/___/
Birthday /______/______/______/

or you can order thru
Fax No.: 920-2883
E-mail Add.: lourdesworldresearch@yahoo.com

I promise to send you my written testimonial briefly describing the fortunate and unexpected events I experience in my life due to the Miraculous Water of Lourdes when they occur to me.

Signature ______________

PDI080902-SL

ADVT

Simply more tones

"Ate, I'm sending you the album cover of 'A Walk To Remember.' It goes well with the 'Only Hope' PolyTone you downloaded!"

To download SMART MMS PolyTone:
1. *Visit the SMART WAP Portal*
2. *Go to Poly Tones*
3. *Select and download*

MMS downloads on SMART WAP Portal are FREE until September 15, 2002.

Activate your SMART MMS and SMART GPRS on your Nokia 7650 by keying in **SET MMS** and **SET GPRS** respectively, then send to 211.

Ringtones of the Future from SMART MMS PolyTones

Ringtones tell other people what kind of personality (and what kind of celfone) you have. With the customization of cellular phones, people have been stamping their personalities on their phones via operator logos, screensavers, celfone casing, but more obviously with their ringtones. Individuals spend hours composing ringtones for themselves or their friends, and saving them on their celfones to scream their individuality.

Now, the future of ringtones has just arrived. SMART MMS introduces SMART MMS PolyTones, polyphonic ringtones that are as close to the real music or song as you've ever heard. From now on, you'll listen to the truth. Choose from SMART's wide array of text tunes or download the hottest tracks from the movies via the SMART Cinema Club.

Do you want to hear John Mayer's "Back to You"? If you like Linkin Park, you can download the hit song 'My December" from their latest album with the illusion of more instruments – "Reanimation." Get all these, plus a colored image of the album, when you access Smart Music Link's MMS collection. Wouldn't it be so much better to hear the tones with more than one beeping noise and the impression of a virtual orchestra instead? So key in POLYTONES and send to 211 for further details on what hot ringtones are available for download today!

SMART MMS Traffic Shots is Paving the Way!

Traffic. The mere mention of the word is enough to drive people crazy. People go out of their way to avoid traffic in every way imaginable. Whether it's by using Metro Manila's sidestreets or wasting time at a mall while waiting for traffic to dissipate, Filipinos seem to be constantly looking for means to steer clear of the mess. Wouldn't it be great to know what traffic you might potentially be facing?

SMART MMS now presents a whole new means of being forewarned on the traffic situation. SMART MMS Traffic Shots gives you digital snapshots from up to 20 strategic points across Metro Manila, all at the convenience of your own celfone! Using your SMART MMS-enabled celfone, you can quickly access SMART MMS Traffic Shots at a few clicks of your celfone. If you're in a rush to make it to a luncheon in the area of Ayala Avenue and Buendia, you can find out how clogged the lanes might be by keying in MTRAF BUENDEDSA and send to 311. To learn more about how to use SMART's new traffic-awareness service through your MMS-ready SMART GSM celfone, key in MTRAF HELP and send to 311.

With SMART MMS Traffic Shots, you can forward those digital snapshots to your friends and loved ones so that they won't have to waste valuable time sitting through the bottlenecks across the metro. With SMART Traffic Shots and SMART MMS, you can save on all the time and money you might be wasting while caught in Metro Manila's traffic.

So get yourself hooked and set a clear path through traffic today!

SMART's NOKIA 76

For As Low As P

Monthly Amortizati

Unit Cost	Gold Plan (Monthly Fe
₱24,000	Gold Standard (₱600)
₱23,000	Gold Choice (₱1335)
₱20,000	Gold Select (₱1995)
₱17,000	Gold Premium (₱2665

Monthly Amortizati

Unit Cost	Gold Plan (Monthly Fee
₱24,000	Gold Standard (₱600)
₱23,000	Gold Choice (₱1335)
₱20,000	Gold Select (₱1995)
₱17,000	Gold Premium (₱2665

Note: Unit cost is the suggested retail price for cash purchase under
*Computation based on STANDARD CHARTERED BANK's 24-m
**Monthly amortization is the installment amount per month using a
CHARTERED BANK's 12/24-month deferred payment plan. Other
CITIBANK, EQUITABLE, DINERS CLUB INTERNATIONAL, and M

See flyers for details. *Promo is from September*

Say it with Feeling with SMART MMS CardToons

SMART MMS CardToons introduces the newest method of sending greetings. More than just e-cards, SMART MMS CardToons gives you animated images in full color to go with your message. And only SMART gives you the widest array of cards to choose from. Choose from occasion to general, or even have your favorite Celebrity Pal grace your greetings.

Want Joyce Jimenez to greet your boss on his birthday? How about having Rufa Mae Quinto congratulate your best friend on his recent promotion? With SMART CardToons, all these are possible! Just key in CARDTOONS and send to 211 for details on what images are available and which SMART Celebrity Pals can liven up your greeting.

We may or may not admit it, but Filipinos love getting greeting cards almost as much as we love giving them. They are an affirmation that somebody else cares about us and took the time to greet us on either a special occasion or just because "it felt good". SMART CardToons has made sending good feelings and wishes even simpler and faster.

Go ahead, reach out, and send a SMART CardToon today.

SMART Real Pix: Images Come to Life

Life is a beautiful thing. For ever since man can remember, he has strived to capture life, nature, and the beauty that comes with them through drawing and art. With the advent of the camera and photography, it became easier to capture this beauty as with a press of a button and a click on the camera, the picture was yours. Now if you take the capacity to take pictures and merge it with a mobile phone, what new groundbreaking piece of technology do you have?

SMART MMS introduces SMART RealPix, capturing and sharing life's moments with a few clicks on your SMART Nokia 7650 celfone. Life's joys have never been this easy to shoot and distribute. Once you've taken your digital picture. you can send SMART RealPix complete with audio and video to family and friends to complete the experience.

To activate your MMS feature, simply key in SET MMS and send to 211. Once you receive the settings, save them all and voila!, you're all set to capture memorable moments anytime, anywhere. You can travel abroad and send pictures back home for friends to see in a flash. SMART RealPix allows you to grab hold of nature's beauty and life's precious moments while sharing it with those close to you in a way never before possible.

SMART RealPix, completing the experience of living at the ease of your fingertips.

FunPix Animates Your SMART Celfone!

"Cartoons and movies on my celfone?" Sounds impossible, doesn't it? Well that dream has now become a reality! Whether it's the super robot known as Voltes V, or the groovy Austin Powers, SMART FunPix will bring these unique individuals in full color and complete audio and video in your celfone! As part of SMART MMS technology, SMART FunPix brings new color and life to your SMART celfone as nothing else you've ever seen before. Imagine seeing the hottest anime from the SMART Anime Club as well as the biggest stars from the blockbusters of the SMART Cinema Club moving and shaking as animated screensavers all on your celfone.

Larger than life characters now move your world on the small screen through SMART FunPix! Swing to the funky grooves of Austin Powers and Foxxy Cleopatra from "Austin Powers in Goldmember" or enjoy the exploits of the characters from "Slam Dunk" all on your celfone! Simply key in FUNPIX and send to 211 for the different keywords and access numbers to gain access to images and animated screensavers that are ready for you to download today.

50 Installment Plan

994.81/month*

on for 12 months**

)	Deferred Monthly Payment
	₱2,339.69
	₱2,242.20
	₱1,949.74
	₱1,657.28

on for 24 months**

)	Deferred Monthly Payment
	₱1,404.43
	₱1,345.91
	₱1,170.36
	₱ 994.81

ubscription plans with SMART covering a 12-month contract.
th deferred payment plan.
edit card. Quoted monthly amortization are based on STANDARD
rdable easy 12/24-month installment terms are also available with
TROBANK/UNICARD.

1 - 15, 2002. Per DTI-NCR Permit #1653, Series of 2002.

ADVT

SMART
Multimedia
A WALK TO REMEMBER
Ur favorite movie!

PolyTones on

SMART MMS

Multimedia Messaging Service

SMART

Simply Amazing!

Whether you like pop, classical, songs from movie soundtracks, or the latest top hits from the Music Link collection, you can now download them as polyphonic ringtones. And to add to the fun, selected tones come with colored pictures of the artist and the album.

XXX-OST

Lilo & Stitch-OST

Reanimation
Linkin Park

By The Way
Red Hot Chili Peppers

Room For Squares
John Mayer

Come Away With Me
Norah Jones

For questions, comments, or concerns, you may call the SMART Hotline at 888-1111, send a text message to 888 (P1.00 per message sent in excess of the FREE TEXT allocation), e-mail us at customercare@smart.com.ph, or visit the SMART Wireless Center nearest you.

Live-in caregivers on 'Beauty Plus'

"BEAUTY Plus," 11 a.m. today on RPN 9, focuses on live-in care-givers.

Guest Elma Fadri discusses the sad plight of old folks who are often neglected or thrown to homes for the aged.

Host Ricky Reyes sheds tears as he is reminded about his beloved 84-year-old mother, Nanay Amada, who introduced him to the salon business when he was in his teens.

What will happen to all Nanay Amadas of the world if she doesn't have a loving and doting son like her Ricky?

Fadri will share how to train on care-giving and where to contact her office for refferals and other pertinent information.

Live-in caregivers serve as private nurses who look after old people in the confine of their own homes.

The segment "Make Over" features Precious Aubrey Rodel, a lass from Tiaong, Quezon. Accessories courtesy of Marcella's.

Davao's Kadayawan Festival will bea featured in "PEF (Places, Events, Faces)."

The chef from Pacific Wharf will introduce the recipe shrimp/aligue pasta in "Cooking Up."

"Beauty Plus" is directed by Cris Aquino.

Mother Lily . . .

From page A23

entry in the Manila Film Festival last June, "Mama San," directed by **Joey Romero**. He played the slow-learner driver-lover of **Elizabeth Oropesa**.

Allen has just finished **Celso Ad. Castillo's** "Virgin People 3." Celso Kid is all praise for the performance and professionalism of his newest actor, who is the film's leading man.

Allen is also the main character in "Tukaan," about a cockfighter who loves not only fighting cocks but also women. **Arman Reyes** directs.

Allen is being managed by UP alumnus **Dennis Evangelista.**

Manila tickled…

From page A23

those who passed away and left me behind—my granddad and people really close to me," Webbe shared.

Now 21, Webbe has been into music since he was 15. "I remember writing a rap song and singing it onstage in a school program," he said. He considers Ice Cube, BMX, Jagged Edge and P. Diddy as some of his musical heroes.

Webbe and James, 21, met in an audition circuit in London. They were both frustrated about their respective musical careers and decided to form a group with longtime buddies Costa, 19, and Ryan, 18.

"We decided to do it ourselves," said Webbe. "We started writing songs and tried to get gigs in clubs."

Virgin's Innocent Records spotted the fab four young men and offered them a recording deal.

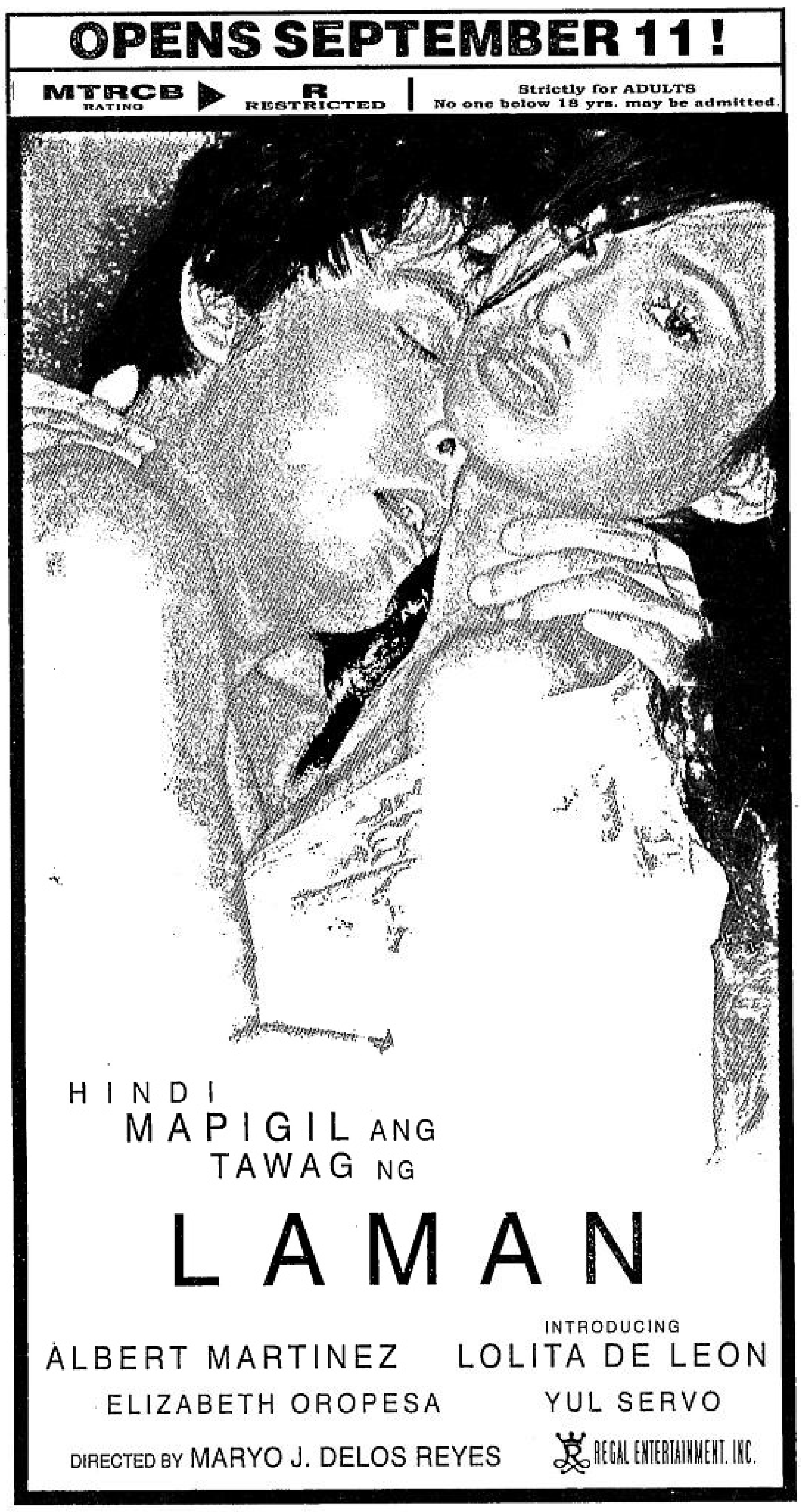
Blue became a hit upon the release of their first single, "All Rise," in May 2001. The single entered the UK chart at No. 4 and stayed in the top 10 for five weeks.

The group followed it up with two more singles, their version of The Next's "Too Close" and "If You Come Back," which became even bigger hits.

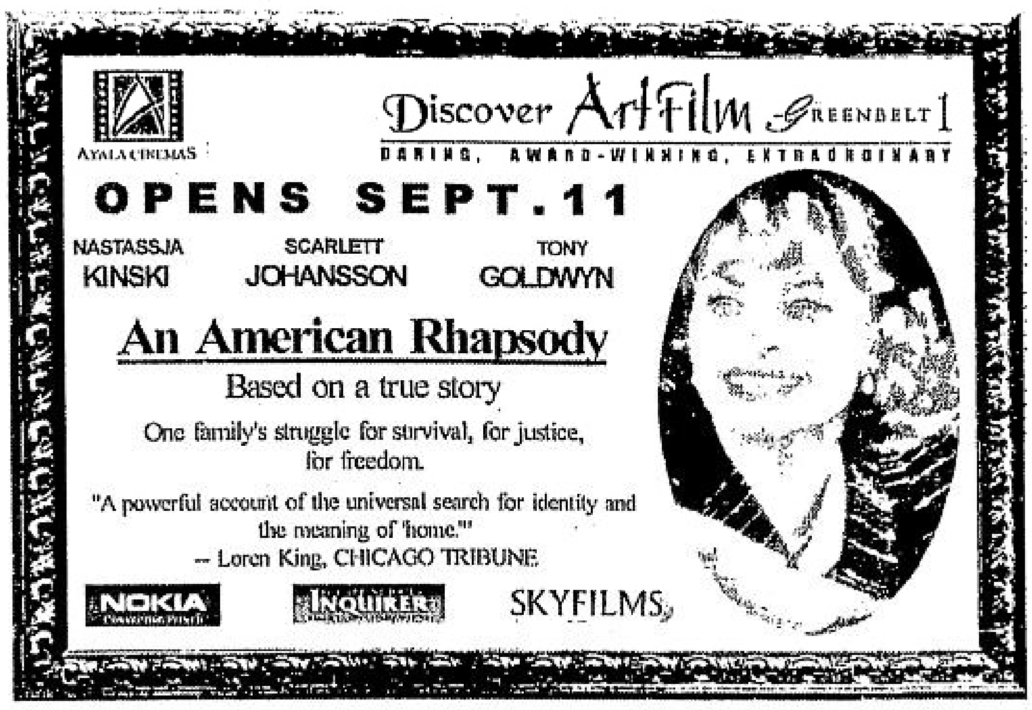
"All Rise," which became multi-platinum in several countries in Europe just six weeks after its release, earned for Blue a slot in the list of UK's finest pop and R&B artists.

"All Rise" became a chart topper in the Philippines as well. It debuted at No. 4 on the local music chart and was closely followed by "If You Come Back" and "Too Close."

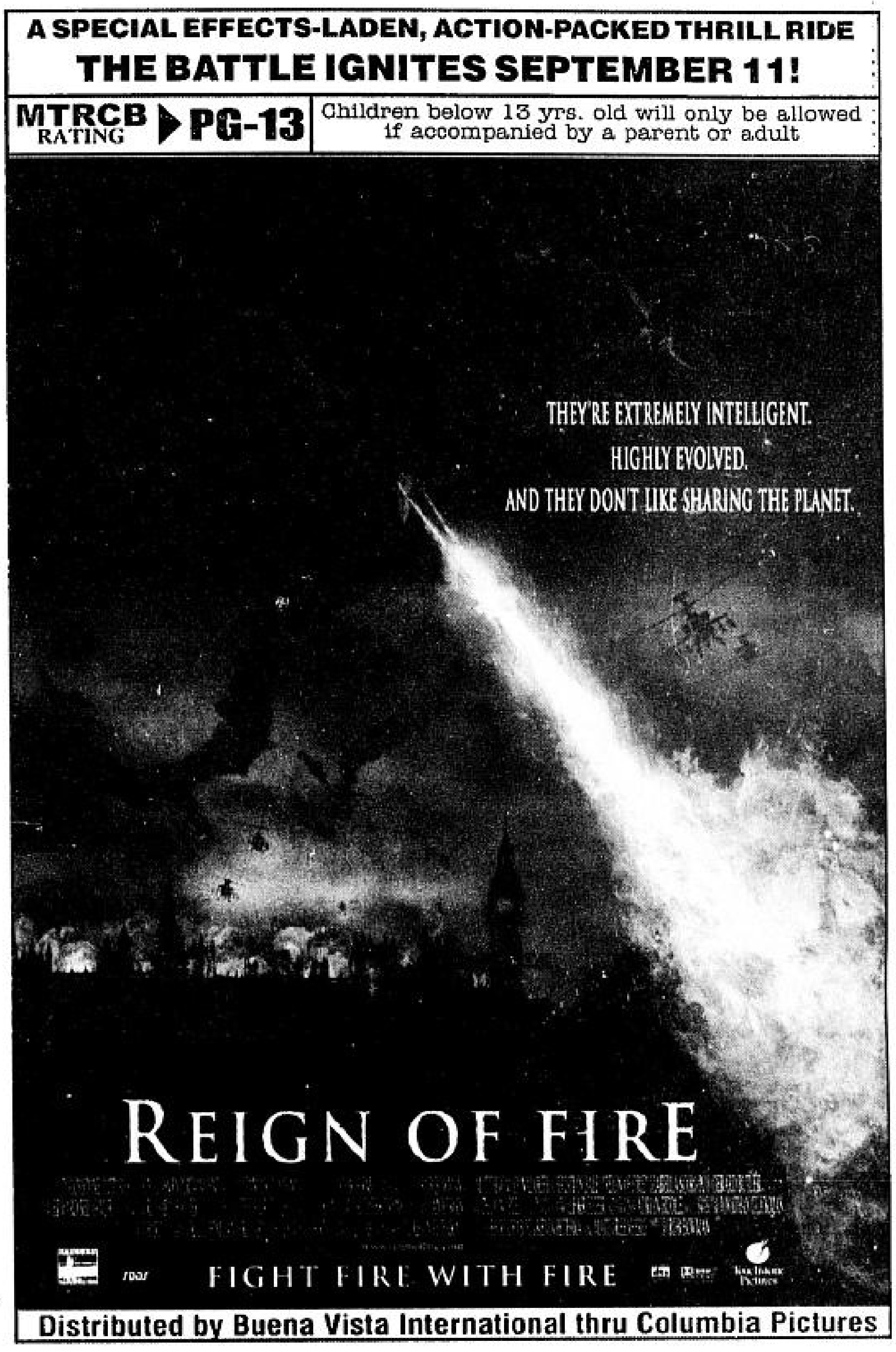
From Manila, the group flew back to London to promote its second album, "One Love," and to start the filming of its next music video.



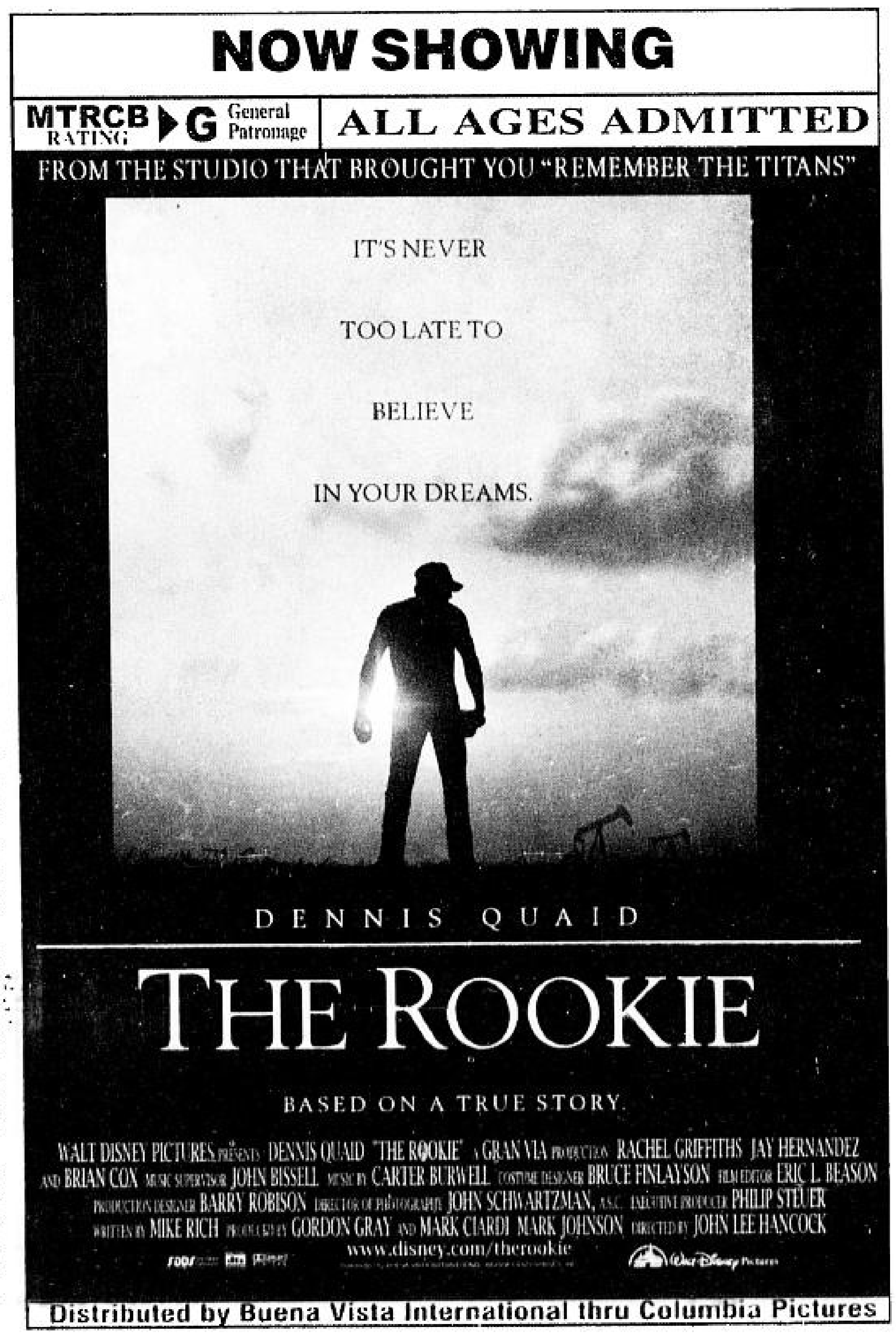
OPENS SEPTEMBER 11!
MTRCB RATING ▶ R RESTRICTED | Strictly for ADULTS No one below 18 yrs. may be admitted.
HINDI MAPIGIL ANG TAWAG NG
LAMAN
ALBERT MARTINEZ
INTRODUCING LOLITA DE LEON
ELIZABETH OROPESA
YUL SERVO
DIRECTED BY MARYO J. DELOS REYES
REGAL ENTERTAINMENT, INC.



AYALA CINEMAS
Discover ArtFilm Greenbelt 1
DARING, AWARD-WINNING, EXTRAORDINARY
OPENS SEPT. 11
NASTASSJA KINSKI
SCARLETT JOHANSSON
TONY GOLDWYN
An American Rhapsody
Based on a true story
One family's struggle for survival, for justice, for freedom.
"A powerful account of the universal search for identity and the meaning of 'home.'"
-- Loren King, CHICAGO TRIBUNE
NOKIA
INQUIRER
SKYFILMS



A SPECIAL EFFECTS-LADEN, ACTION-PACKED THRILL RIDE
THE BATTLE IGNITES SEPTEMBER 11!
MTRCB RATING ▶ PG-13 | Children below 13 yrs. old will only be allowed if accompanied by a parent or adult
THEY'RE EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT.
HIGHLY EVOLVED.
AND THEY DON'T LIKE SHARING THE PLANET.
REIGN OF FIRE
FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE
Distributed by Buena Vista International thru Columbia Pictures

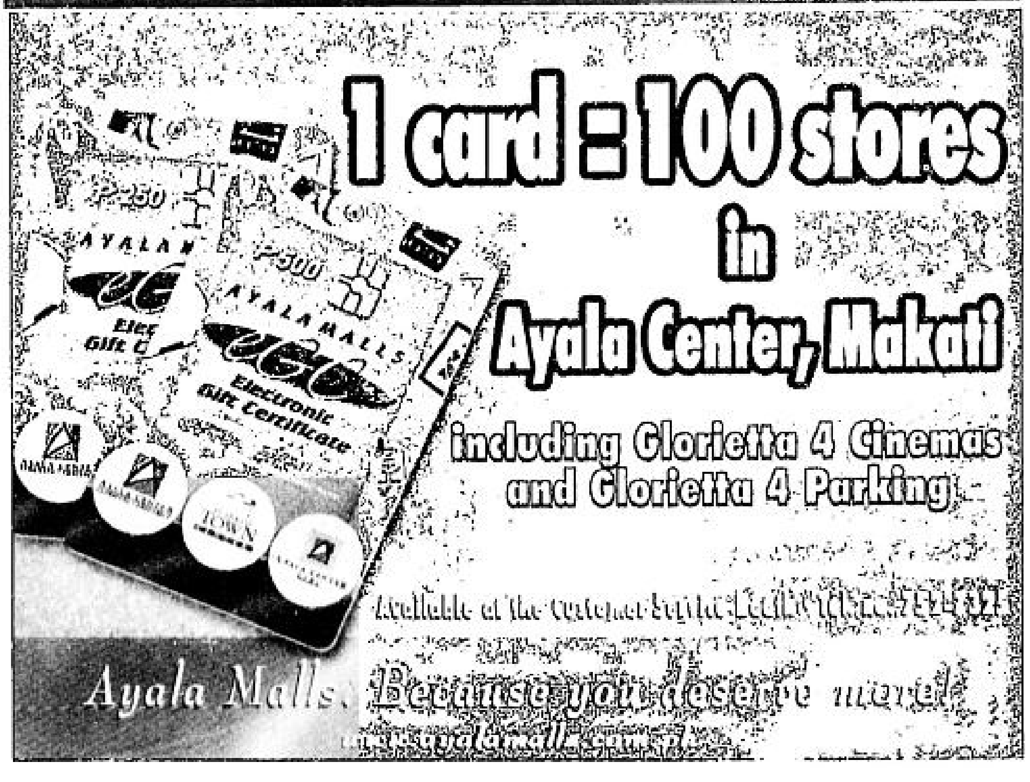


NOW SHOWING
MTRCB RATING ▶ G General Patronage | ALL AGES ADMITTED
FROM THE STUDIO THAT BROUGHT YOU "REMEMBER THE TITANS"
IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO BELIEVE IN YOUR DREAMS.
DENNIS QUAID
THE ROOKIE
BASED ON A TRUE STORY.
WALT DISNEY PICTURES PRESENTS DENNIS QUAID "THE ROOKIE" A GRAN VIA PRODUCTION RACHEL GRIFFITHS JAY HERNANDEZ AND BRIAN COX MUSIC SUPERVISOR JOHN BISSELL MUSIC BY CARTER BURWELL COSTUME DESIGNER BRUCE FINLAYSON FILM EDITOR ERIC L. BEASON PRODUCTION DESIGNER BARRY ROBISON DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY JOHN SCHWARTZMAN, A.S.C. EXECUTIVE PRODUCER PHILIP STEUER WRITTEN BY MIKE RICH PRODUCED BY GORDON GRAY AND MARK CIARDI MARK JOHNSON DIRECTED BY JOHN LEE HANCOCK
www.disney.com/therookie
Walt Disney Pictures
Distributed by Buena Vista International thru Columbia Pictures

AYALA CINEMAS
For sreening times, call 729-7777.
Schedules are subject to change without prior notice.
AYALA CINEMAS NOW SHOWING

G1 GLORIETTA 1	G4 GLORIETTA 4	GB1 GREENBELT 1	GB3 GREENBELT 3	ATC ALABANG TOWN CENTER
1 SIGNS	1 AUSTIN POWERS IN GOLDMEMBER	1 THE YIN-YANG MASTER (EXCLUSIVE)	1 SIGNS 11:40, 2:00, 4:20, 6:40, 9:00, 11:20	1 THE BOURNE IDENTITY
2 THE BOURNE IDENTITY	2 THE BOURNE IDENTITY	2 HAPPY TIMES (Exclusive)	2 THE BOURNE IDENTITY 12:20, 3:05, 5.50, 8:35, 11:20	2 THE ROOKIE
3 LILO & STITCH	3 SIGNS 11:40, 1:50, 4:00, 6:10, 8:20, 10:30	Onstage GARY V: HITS @ ONSTAGE - SEP. 6,20, 26 & 27	3 THE ROOKIE 12:00, 2:50, 5:40, 8:30, 11:20	3 SIGNS
4 JOLOGS	4 UNFAITHFUL		4 AUSTIN POWERS IN GOLDMEMBER 11:20, 1:20, 3.20, 5:20, 7.20, 9:20, 11:20	4 AUSTIN POWERS IN GOLDMEMBER
	5 THE ROOKIE		5 THE BOURNE IDENTITY 11:40, 2:25, 5:10, 7:55, 10:40	5 JOLOGS
	6 THE BOURNE IDENTITY			
	7 TRIPLE X			

Reserve your seats by texting "SURESEATS G4 (or any Ayala Cinemas) and send to 2333.
Or log on to www.sureseats.com
*GSC: Guaranteed Seats Cinema



1 card = 100 stores in Ayala Center, Makati
including Glorietta 4 Cinemas and Glorietta 4 Parking
Ayala Malls. Because you deserve more!
www.ayalamalls.com.ph

Wanting something more

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

FILMS about sports don't usually score big with us, but we particularly like "The Rookie." Its tale of physical and psychological victory is made doubly appealing because it pertains to both young and mature protagonists.

Here's how this "game of life" plays itself out: Jim Morris (**Dennis Quaid**) used to be a very promising baseball pitcher, until an injury sidelined him for keeps. Deprived of his dream of playing ball in the major leagues, he concentrated instead on his wife and young children.

He also coached the local school's baseball team, a sorry bunch of losers. To motivate them, he urged them to realize their dreams but they taunted him because he had forgotten his own dream of playing in the major league.

They then proposed this "barter" arrangement: They would fight hard to win the district championship, but he would also have to try out as a professional pitcher.

Morris said he was too old for any professional team to be interested in him, but they pointed out that he had one of the fastest pitching arms ever, and held their ground. Morris had no choice but to agree to their terms.

Well, sir, the team of losers suddenly got its act together, and clinched the district championships. Morris was thus forced to appear at the pro tryouts—and, wonder of wonders, he was selected despite his being an "old" man.

After that initial success, it still took him a long time to actually pitch for the major leagues. But the effort was well worth it—not just for him, but for people who got inspired by his sterling example to pursue and achieve their own cherished dreams.

"The Rookie" is a bit simplistic in its progression from failure to success, but the natural and felt performances turned in by Quiad and his fellow actors smooth down the rough or fanciful edges, and give the film an empathetic emotional wallop that occasionally brings tears to viewers' eyes.

Both young and mature viewers get a surge from this movie, which reminds everyone that wanting something *more* may make us look like dreamers in other people's eyes, but makes us champions in our own.

Feedback

FROM **Emmanuel S. Espino** of Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija: "I am so proud to be a Filipino whenever a Filipino film is exhibited abroad. Media people like you are encouraging us to watch quality films like **Marilou Diaz-Abaya's** 'Muro-Ami' and **Laurice Guillen's** 'American Adobo,' which has paved the way for the recognition of Filipino movies in the States.

"There are also indie films like 'The Debut' and 'Batang Westside' which are shown successfully in the States and Singapore. This indicates that our films can move up to a higher degree of appreciation.

"I am also proud of my idol, Fil-American producer **Dean Devlin**, who made 'Independence Day.' Yes, the Filipino can!

"I'm excited to see 'Doomslayer' with **Joe Lara**. Please feature more films!"

'Say It Isn't So'

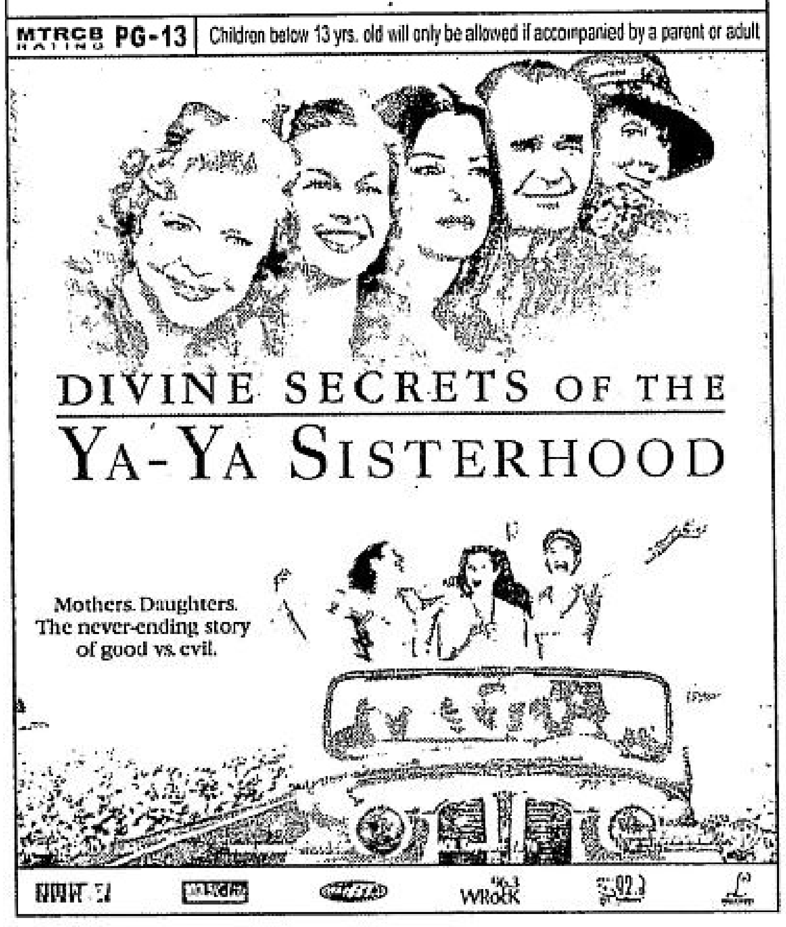
AT 9 p.m. today on Star Movies, "Say It Isn't So" is the Farrelly brothers' farcical take on "brotherly love" and mistaken identity. With **Heather Graham**, **Orlando Jones**, **Richard Jenkins** and **Sally Field**.

POWER PLANT CINEMA
Rockwell Center, Makati City ☎ Tel. Nos: 8981440-41
DOLBY DIGITAL SURROUND-EX

LILO & STITCH GP 11:30,1:30,3:30, 5:30,7:30,9:30	BOURNE IDENTITY P13 11:30,2:00,4:30, 7:00,9:30	AUSTIN POWERS P13 11:20,1:20,3:30, 5:40,7:50,10:00
SIGNS P13 12:50,3:10,5:30, 7:50,10:10	THE ROOKIE GP 1:00,3:50, 6:40, 9:30	BOURNE IDENTITY P13 12:30,3:00,5:30, 8:00,10:30

MATINEE P80:00 - FREE SEATING - SCREENINGS BEFORE 5 PM - MON. TO FRI.

OPENS SEPTEMBER 11 !
MTRCB RATING PG-13 Children below 13 yrs. old will only be allowed if accompanied by a parent or adult


DIVINE SECRETS OF THE
YA-YA SISTERHOOD
Mothers. Daughters.
The never-ending story
of good vs. evil.
WRocK

OPENS TODAY !
MTRCB RATING R-18 Strictly for ADULTS No one below 18 yrs. may be admitted.
ANG KASAYSAYAN NG ISANG BABAENG NAWAWALA SA SARILI!

RITA AVILA TOMMY ABUEL DARIA RAMIREZ
ANA CAPRI RODEL VELAYO
and DIANA ZUBIRI
Lualhati Bautista's
BAKAT
POSADAS

THEATER MOVIE GUIDE

MANILA

EASTERN	
MAXIM	CLOSED
MIRAMAR	TAMPISAW / PHANTOM OF OPERA
ODEON	BOURNE IDENTITY
ODEON-2	SCORPION KING / LABRADOR
ROBEN	BAKAT
TANDEM-1	SUGAT
TANDEM-2	KATAWAN MO LANGIT KO
TIMES	MAGINOO / MAGESTIC

QUEZON CITY

ACT-1	SENSUAL ISLAND
ACT-2	KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT
ACT-3	ORIGINAL SIN
ACT-4	HANGGANG KAILAN KA PAPATAY
CORONET-2	HANGGANG KAILAN KA PAPATAY
QUEZON-1	GAMITAN
REMAR	BAKAT
REMAR-2	GAMITAN

NOVA MALL - NOVALICHES CINEMA

A	BAKAT
B	
C	

MANDALUYONG CITY

SHANGRI-LA PLAZA MALL	635-20-79 / 633-78-51 TO 70
CINEMA-1	EIGA SAI 2002 LIFE, LOVE & LAUGHTER
CINEMA-2	AUSTIN POWERS GOLD MEMBER

CAINTA RIZAL

STA. LUCIA EAST	(681-5401 TO 19)
CINEMA-1	BAKAT
CINEMA-2	DERAILED
CINEMA-3	JOLOGS
CINEMA-4 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	SPIRIT
CINEMA-5 (DTS)	GAMITAN
CINEMA-6	UNFAITHFUL
CINEMA-7	BOURNE IDENTITY
CINEMA-8	AUSTIN POWERS
CINEMA-9 (DTS)	TRIPLE X
CINEMA-10 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	BOURNE IDENTITY
CINEMA-11 (SDDS)	SIGNS
CINEMA-12	HIGH RISK
CINEMA-14	HIGH EXPLOSIVES
CINEMA-15	JOLOGS

LORES

CINEMA-2	SENSUAL ISLAND
CINEMA-3	KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT

UNIWIDE METROMALL

(LAS PINAS)	
CINEMA-1	
CINEMA-2	
CINEMA-4	

UNIWIDE COASTAL MALL

(PARANAQUE)	SENSUAL ISLAND
CINEMA-1	KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT
CINEMA-2	MEN IN BLACK II
CINEMA-4	SELDA

THEATRE MALL
GREENHILLS
a landmark reinvented!
DOLBY DIGITAL
NOW SHOWING

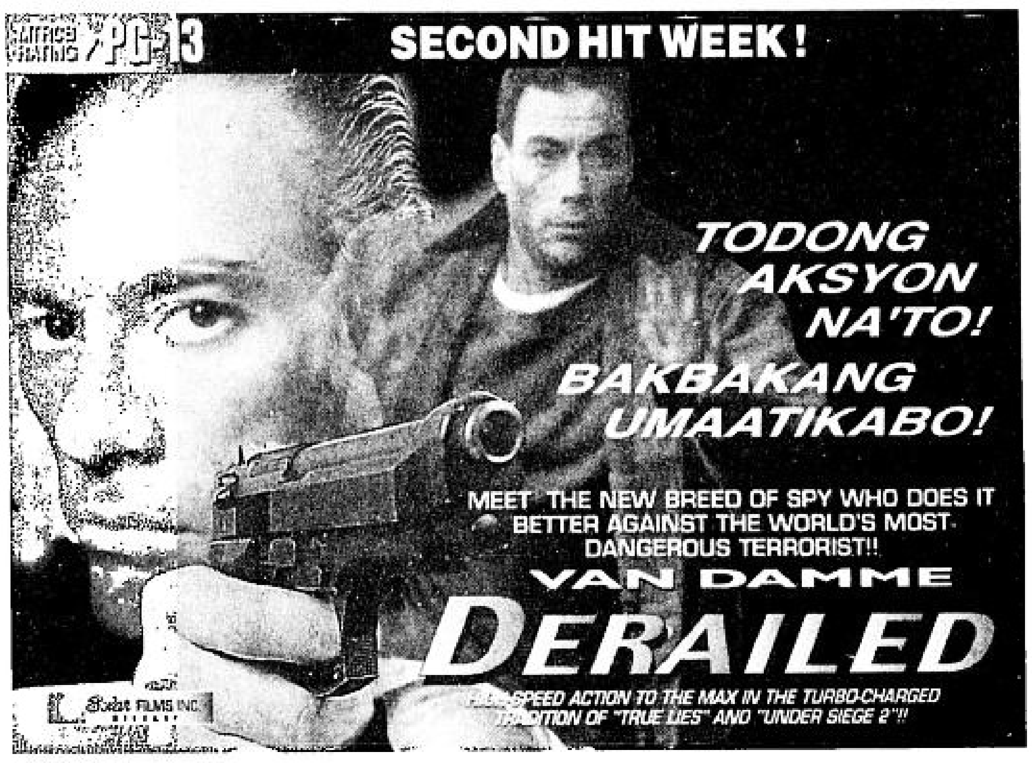
CINEMA 1	BOURNE IDENTITY 11:30, 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 10:00, 11:00 P 13
CINEMA 2	SIGNS 11:30, 1:50, 4:10, 6:30, 8:50 P 13

All Reserved Seating: P120.00
TICKET PRICES & SCREENING TIME SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.
GREENHILLS SHOPPING CENTER, ORTIGAS AVENUE, GREENHILLS, SAN JUAN, METRO MANILA • 7224496

MUSIC MUSEUM

SEPTEMBER 7 & 14, 2002	YO SEXBOMB	9:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 20 & 21, 2002	70's 2DAY	9:00 PM

FOR INQUIRIES & RESERVATION, PLS. CALL: 721-6726 OR 721-0635


MTRCB RATING PG-13
SECOND HIT WEEK !
TODONG AKSYON NA'TO!
BAKBAKANG UMAATIKABO!
MEET THE NEW BREED OF SPY WHO DOES IT BETTER AGAINST THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS TERRORIST!!
VAN DAMME
DERAILED
HIGH-SPEED ACTION TO THE MAX IN THE TURBO-CHARGED TRADITION OF "TRUE LIES" AND "UNDER SIEGE 2"!!
Solar FILMS INC.

ArtFilm Greenbelt 1
NOW SHOWING
HAPPY TIMES
From the award-winning director of Raise the Red Lantern
MR. ZHANG YIMOU
"Simultaneously poignant, engagingly funny and bittersweet, it mixes its elements in a way that is completely its own."
— Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times
MTRCB Rating: General Patronage (G)
NOKIA
INQUIRER
AYALA CINEMAS

NOW SHOWING
MTRCB RATING ▶ PG-13 Children below 13 yrs. old will only be allowed if accompanied by a parent or adult.

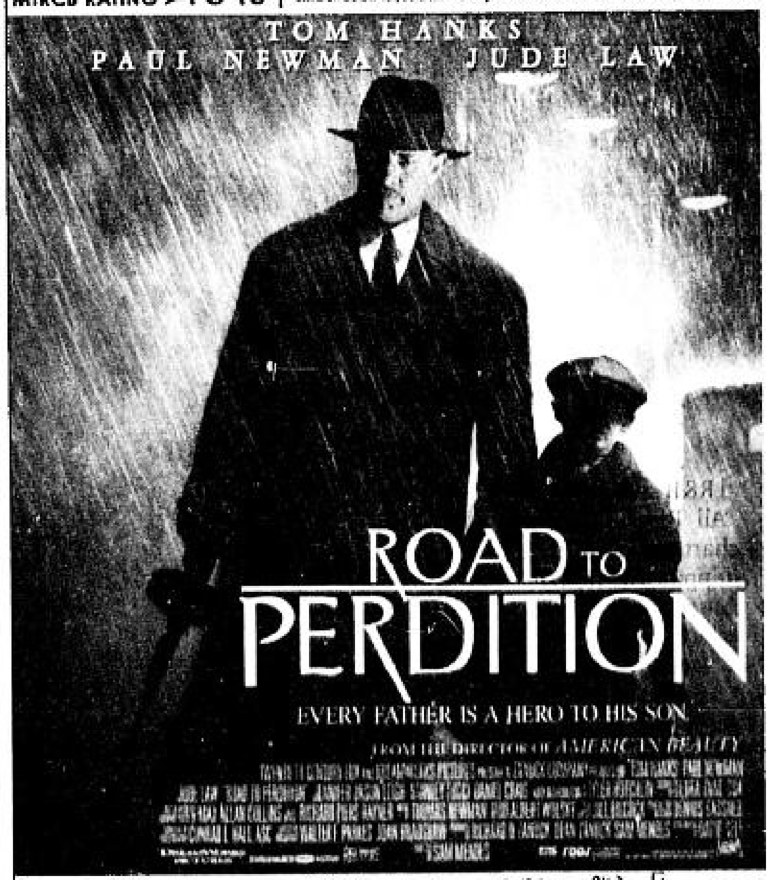
Golden Harvest Present
From the Creator of
THE ACCIDENTAL SPY and RUSH HOUR 2
JACKIE CHAN
BRADLEY ALLAN
"HIGH-VOLTAGE ENTERTAINMENT FAST, FURIOUS AND FEVERISHLY FUNNY."
Golden Harvest
A Jackie Chan Film
HIGH RISK
DIRECTED BY VINCENT COOK

ANOTHER #1 HIT FROM THE CREATOR OF "THE SIXTH SENSE"
SECOND WEEK
MTRCB RATING ▶ PG-13 Children below 13 yrs. old will only be allowed if accompanied by a parent or adult.

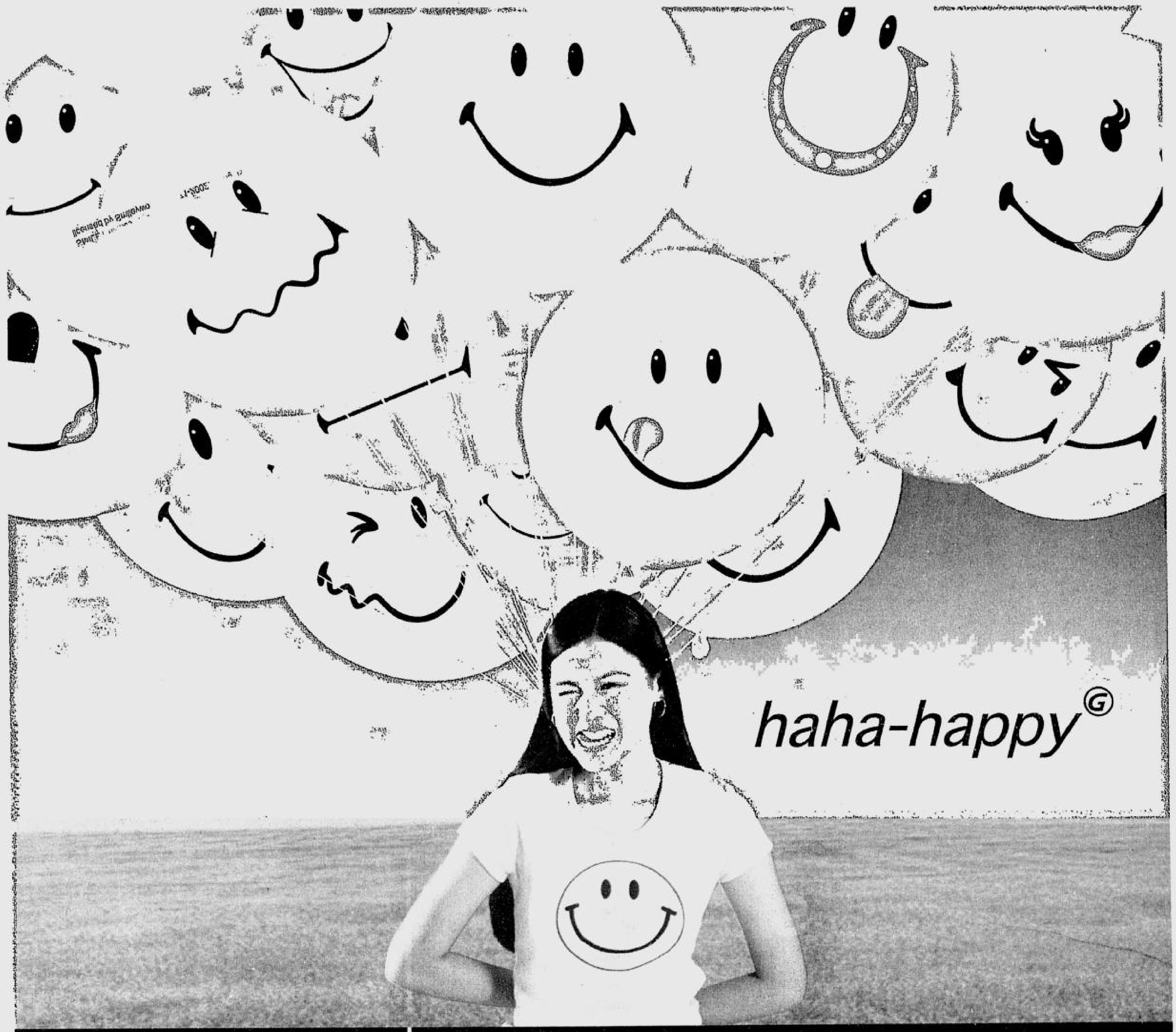
"THRILLING, FRIGHTENING. FUNNY, HEARTBREAKING AND DEEPLY MOVING. YOU'LL HAVE TO SEE IT TWICE."
-PAUL CLINTON, CNN
"TWO THUMBS UP!"
-EBERT & ROEPER
"YOU WON'T JUST BE ON THE EDGE OF YOUR SEAT... YOU'LL BE JUMPING OUT OF IT!"
-CLAY SMITH, ACCESS HOLLYWOOD
"A SUSPENSE-FILLED TWILIGHT-ZONE THRILLER."
-JOEL SIEGEL, GOOD MORNING AMERICA
"ONE OF THE BEST MOVIES OF THE YEAR."
"FULL OF SURPRISES."
MEL GIBSON
M. NIGHT SHYAMALAN'S
signs

Distributed by Buena Vista International thru Columbia Pictures

MTRCB RATING ➤ PG 13 | Children below 13 years old will only be allowed if accompanied by a parent or adult.


TOM HANKS
PAUL NEWMAN JUDE LAW
ROAD TO PERDITION
EVERY FATHER IS A HERO TO HIS SON
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN BEAUTY

Special thanks to
OPENS SEPTEMBER 18



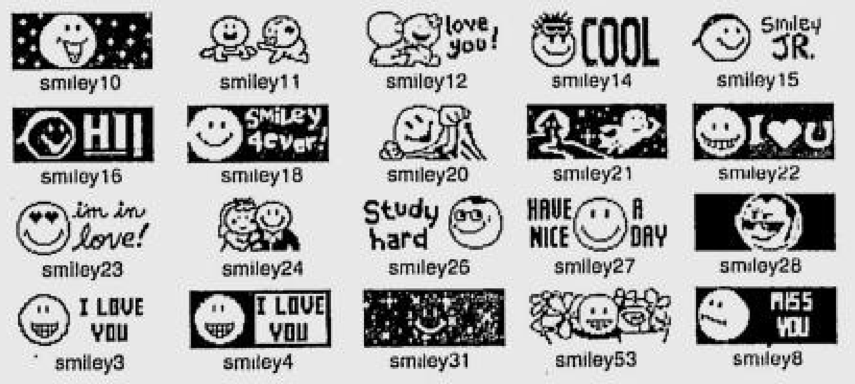
myGlobe
mobile e-services

tones&icons

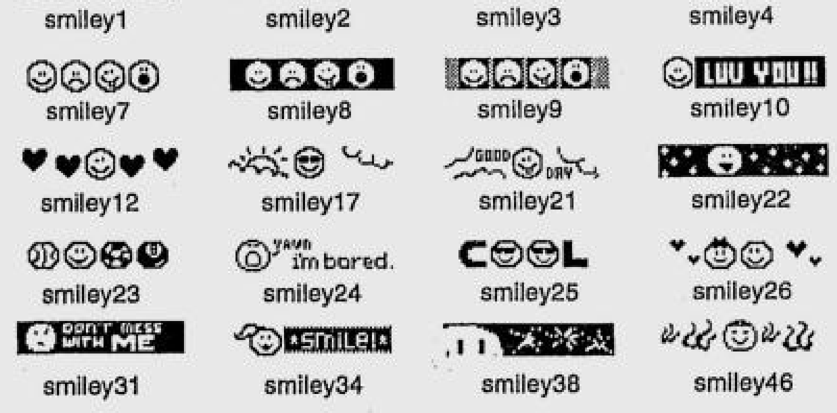
Smile! Now, all myGlobe tones, icons, and text cards are only ₱15.00.

And that's for all Plan and Prepaid subscribers! Now, isn't that a great reason to smile?

TEXT CARDS

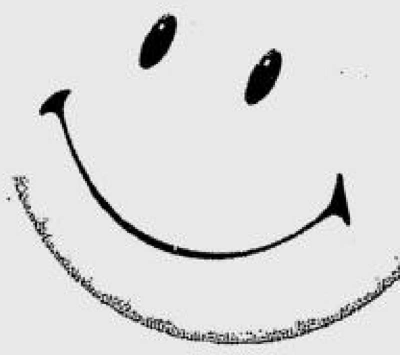

smiley10
smiley11
love you!
smiley12
COOL
smiley14
Smiley JR.
smiley15
HI!
smiley16
Smiley 4ever!
smiley18
smiley20
smiley21
I ♥ U
smiley22
im in love!
smiley23
smiley24
Study hard
smiley26
HAVE A NICE DAY
smiley27
smiley28
I LOVE YOU
smiley3
I LOVE YOU
smiley4
smiley31
smiley53
MISS YOU
smiley8

ICONS


SMILEY
smiley1
SMILEY
smiley2
smiley3
smiley4
smiley7
smiley8
smiley9
LUV YOU!!
smiley10
smiley12
smiley17
GOOD DAY
smiley21
smiley22
smiley23
yawn i'm bored.
smiley24
COOL
smiley25
smiley26
DON'T MESS WITH ME
smiley31
SMILE!
smiley34
smiley38
smiley46

RINGTONES

SONG TITLE	KEYWORD	ARTIST
GET YOUR FREAK ON	geturfre	MISSY MISDEMEANOR ELLIOT
MORE THAN A WOMAN	morethan	AALIYAH
PRAISE YOU	praiseyou	FATBOY SLIM
RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW	righther	FATBOY SLIM
ROCKFELLA SKANK	rockfela	FATBOY SLIM
GANGSTER TRIPPING	gangster	FATBOY SLIM
THIS I PROMISE YOU	thisipro	NSYNC
BECAUSE I GET HIGH	igethigh	AFROMAN
WHAT CAN I DO	whatcani	THE CORRS
FULL MOON	fullmoon	BRANDY
ALL YOU WANTED	youwanted	MICHELLE BRANCH
HOW YOU REMIND ME	howyoure	NICKELBACK
BLURRY	blurry	PUDDLE OF MUD
SOAK UP THE SUN	soakup	SHERYL CROW
ONLY HOPE	onlyhope	MANDY MOORE
I NEED YOU	ineedyou	LEANNE RHYMES
A THOUSAND MILES	athousan	VANESSA CARLTON
ORDINARY DAY	ordinary	VANESSA CARLTON
SMOOTH CRIMINAL	smoothcr	MICHAEL JACKSON
DON'T LET ME GET ME	dontletm	PINK



www.SMILEY-World.com

How to download:

To download, send the following to 2345:
For icons, type in **L (keyword)**. Ex: L smiley7
For tones, type in **N (keyword)**. Ex: N geturfre

To download text cards, send the following to 2301:
Type in **TC (keyword)**. Ex: TC smiley4

To forward to your friends, send the following to 2345:
For icons, type in **L (keyword) (mobile number)**.
Ex: L smiley27 09171234567
For tones, type in **N (keyword) (mobile number)**.
Ex: N geturfre 09171234567

To forward text cards to your friends, send the following to 2301:
Type in **TC (keyword) (mobile number)**.
Ex: TC smiley10 09171234567

ICONS SERVICE WORKS WITH THE FOLLOWING MODELS:
Nokia: 5110 (version 4.59 & up), 3210, 3310, 5210, 6110, 6130, 6150, 6210, 6250, 6510, 7110, 8210, 8250, 8310, 8810, 8850, 8890, 9110 & 9210
Sendo: J520 (using Nokia keywords)

TEXT CARDS SERVICE WORKS WITH THE FOLLOWING MODELS:
Nokia: 3210, 3310, 5210, 6210, 6510, 8210, 8250, 8310, 8850 & 8890
Enhanced screen saver: Nokia 3310 & 3330

RING TONES SERVICE WORKS WITH THE FOLLOWING MODELS:
Nokia: 3210, 3310, 3330, 5210, 6110, 6130, 6150, 6210, 6250, 6510, 7110, 8210, 8250, 8310, 8810, 8850, 8890, 9110 & 9210
Sendo: S200, J520 P200 (using Nokia keywords)

Service provided by:
wsa
wireless services asia

SMILEY

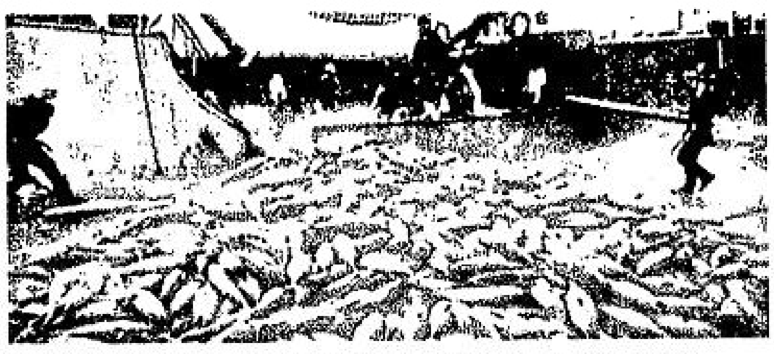
SMILEY names, characters and all related indicia are licensed by Smileyworld © 1971-2002. All rights reserved.

making great things possible **Globe** HANDYPHONE

Sunday BIZ
Editor Raul O. Marcelo ◎ Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino

Check out today's issue of
Sunday INQUIRER magazine
for a chance to win
a diamond solitaire ring
CAMILO'S FINE JEWELLERY

FREE CELLPHONES!
Up to Dec. 31, 2002 from
AMA BANK
AMA Rural Bank of Mandaluyong, Inc.
See posters for details.
Or call (02): 373-9013; 413-5777; 372-6530; 533-0244; 372-6890


FISH trading took a step forward with the use of mobile phones

Fish trade goes mobile

CEBU—There's a new way of doing business in the fish trade which is several notches above the traditional *bulungan*—the usual practice of haggling through "whisper trading" that goes on in the fish ports between traders and fishermen when fishing vessels come back with their catch.

These days, some commercial fishermen strike deals—even before they reach shore—over their mobile phones.

Fifteen kilometers offshore, Cebu-based commercial fishers aboard their 12,000-ton fishing boats do business with traders in several ports—not just one—at the same time.

Using GSM phones, or Smart ACeS satellite phones, they compare fish prices in various ports like Iloilo, Bacolod, Cadiz and Cebu. Once they locate which market offers the best prices, they direct their boats, all "wirelessly" connected, to offload there.

"While we're out at sea, we can determine the pricing at different ports through information provided by our contacts. We use a SmartLink satellite phone because it is more secure to use than a radio which can have a lot of interference," said Vicente Chavez, owner of the deep-sea fishing company, BALT Fishing.

"We used to have codes for radios but nothing beats direct communication that can be provided by satellite phones," he adds.

Chavez, along with several other Cebuano fishermen, used to rely on a radio network through which they could patch on to landlines.

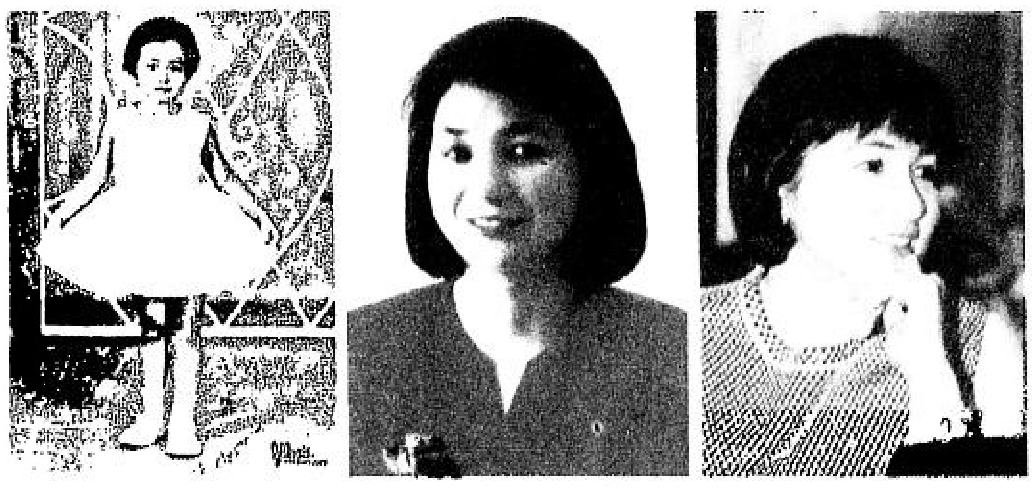
With GSM and satellite phones, however, Chavez has a far easier time calling not only fish brokers but also his family, business partners—and the crews of his other fishing boats as well.

"We even use the phone to point out to my other vessels where fish are aplenty," he says.

As it turns out, more and more fishermen are using mobile phones rather than the conventional radios while at sea. For one thing, it's cheaper.

She used to peddle rooms, now she markets 22 hotels

By Margie Quimpo-Espino


ANGELES as a little girl; circa early '90s; and today.

ONLY a few get to use what they studied in school in their chosen career.

But this was how it was with Peggy Angeles, regional VP for sales and marketing of the Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts.

Her position entails helping map out the sales and marketing strategies of 22 hotels and resorts in the Asia-Pacific region.

Some 26 years ago she filled up her college application forms, not knowing what to take up.

It was her older brothers who pointed her in the right direction.

They noted the proliferation of hotels (because of many international conferences being held in Manila like the IMF-WB) and told her to take up a hotel management course.

She took up hotel and restaurant administration in UP and upon graduation landed a job at the Hyatt Terraces Hotel in Baguio as a reservation agent in 1980.

Based in Manila she booked for rooms in Baguio. She got P800 a month.

The pay was so small, she says, that her father offered to just pay her the same amount since he ended up spending more for gasoline.

Peggy admits to being spoiled, which explains why her father made sure she was driven to and from work.

The fresh graduate, however, would not be convinced to give up her post because she liked her job.

She says her pay was just enough to pay for her clothes as her work required dressing up well.

She says she had to pay for her clothes on installment basis.

FIRST JOB

Credit cards were not yet in vogue, but there was a firm that was accredited by different stores and allowed it to issue purchase orders to customers who would pay back on installment basis.

An office outfit then cost about P100 to P200.

It took about a year for her to move up to sales and her salary doubled.

In 1983, she married Pipo Angeles. Their combined salaries were just enough to pay for the rent "so we ended up eating in my mother's house."

When she had her first baby she quit the hotel industry and set up a garments business.

After a year, however, she felt that she was not using her brains enough and she was no longer paying attention to how she looked. She gave up the business.

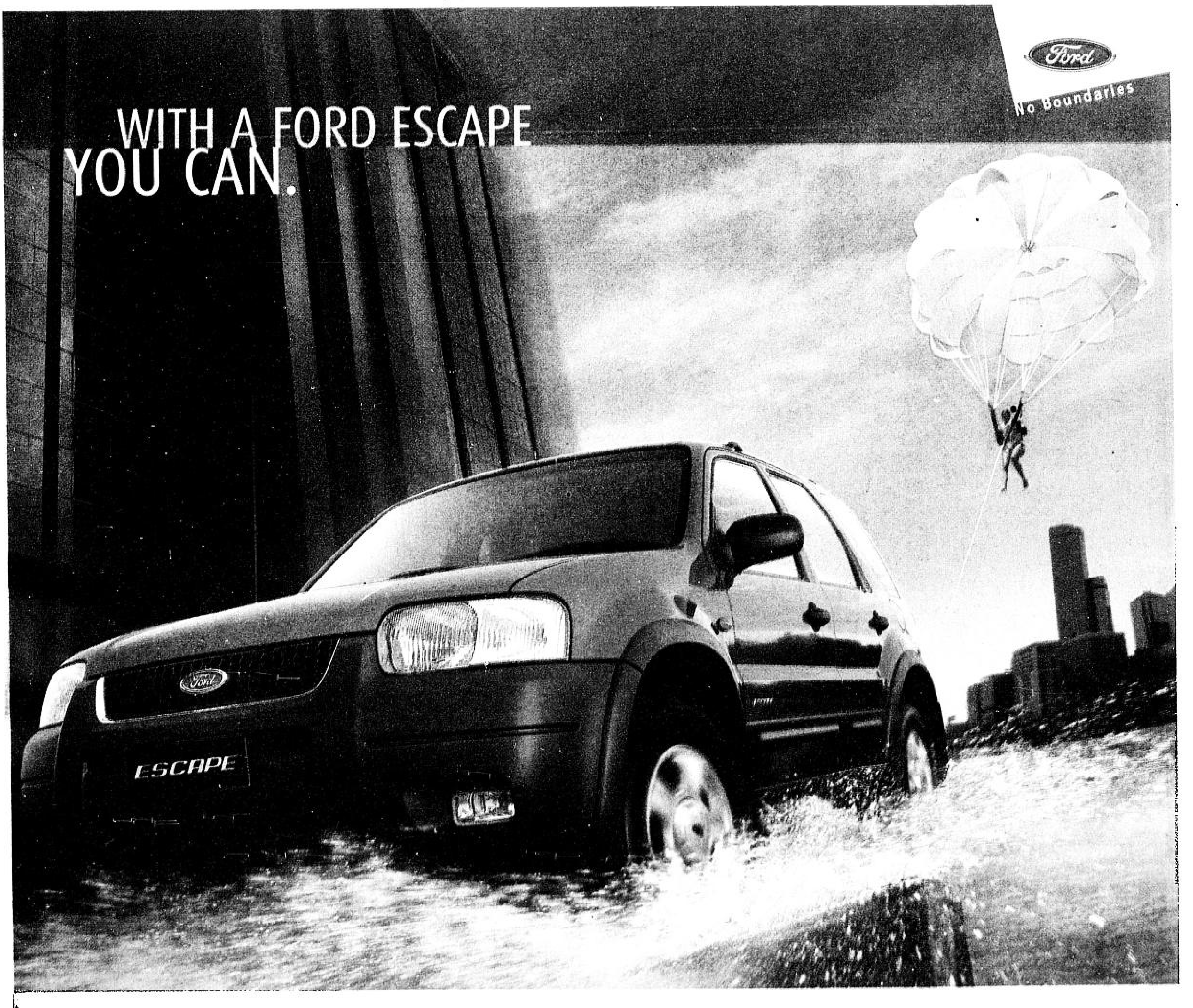
Hyatt got her back and upon her return she got exposed to operations which include housekeeping, the front office and laundry.

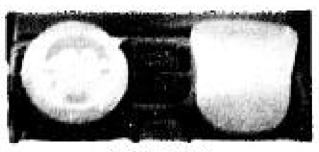
Her operations experience made her wonder about what it would be like to be involved in the opening of a hotel.

Her opportunity to do just that came through a brother who knew a family member of the Kuok group and told her about their plans of opening up a new hotel.

The Kuoks of Malaysia opened the Edsa

SHE/B3




Dual SRS Airbags

Control Trac II™ 4WD System

6 CD In-Dash Stereo

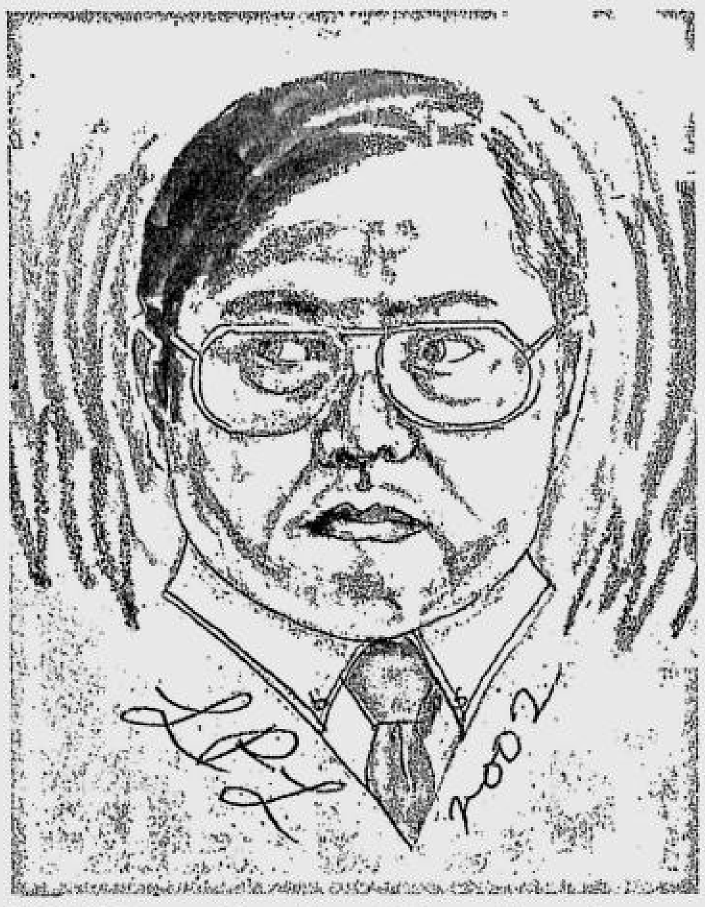
Seatback Trays with Cupholders

A 2.0L Zetec engine, the unique Control Trac II™ 4WD System and the roomiest interior in a compact SUV. Whatever your form of escape, here's true reason why getting there is half the fun. Now, between the city and the great outdoors, there are no more boundaries.

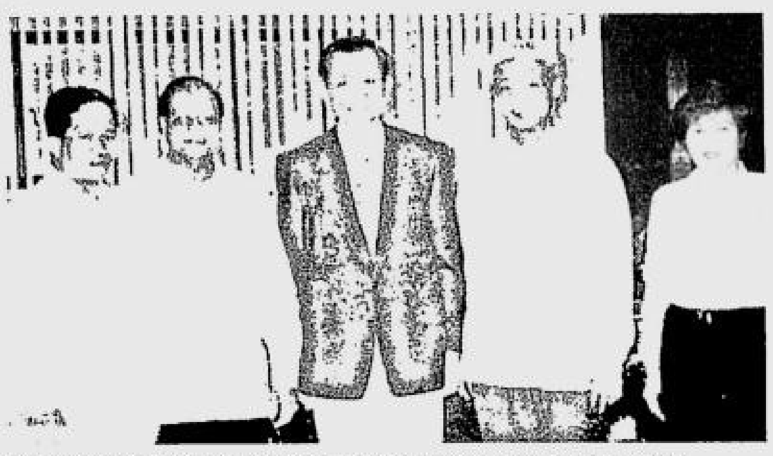
FORD ESCAPE
www.ford.com.ph
ERA Emergency Roadside Assistance

Ford Alabang, Madrigal Business Park, Alabang - Zapote Rd., Muntinlupa City, Trunk Lines 842-3681 / 842-4678, Fax No 807-4430
Ford Cabanatuan, Maharlika Highway, Sumacab-Este, Cabanatuan City, Tel No (044) 464-0111, Fax No (044) 600-4200
Ford Balintawak, EDSA cor Seminary Road, Balintawak, Quezon City, Trunk Line 927 9648, Fax No 927-5981
Ford Pampanga, San Fernando - Olongapo Highway, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, Trunk Line (045) 961-2888, Fax Nos (045) 963-5205 / 961-2277
Ford EDSA, 29 EDSA, Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila; Trunk Lines 726-7181 to 85, Fax No 723-6311
Ford Bacolod, Araneta St., Barangay Singcang, Bacolod City; Telefax No (034) 434-2877
Ford Libis, 186 E. Rodriguez Jr. Ave., Bagumbayan, Libis, Quezon City, Trunk Line 637-2044, Fax No 637-6006
Ford Cebu, Magallanes cor P Burgos St., Cebu City 6000, Trunk Line (032) 253-0453, Fax No (032) 253-0129
Ford Makati, 2287 Pasong Tamo Ext., Makati City 1231; Trunk Line 818-5555, Fax No 815-0513
Ford Iloilo, Diversion Road, Balabag Mandurriao, Iloilo City Tel No (033) 321-3351 to 52, Fax No (033) 321-3351
Ford Quezon Avenue, Quezon Avenue corner Apo Street, Quezon City; Tel nos. 732-3343 / 732-3345, Fax No. 742-3451
Ford Davao, Km. 6, Lanang, Davao City, Tel No (082) 234-1111, Fax No (082) 234-2222

IN YOUR FACE BY L.P. LEVISTE



FORMER Customs Commissioner Guillermo Parayno has taken up the challenge to take over the reins of the Bureau of Internal Revenue. He wants to take up where former BIR chief Rene Bañez left off. Observers can only hope that he would be able to push through with the reforms that almost all of his predecessors have found most difficult to implement.



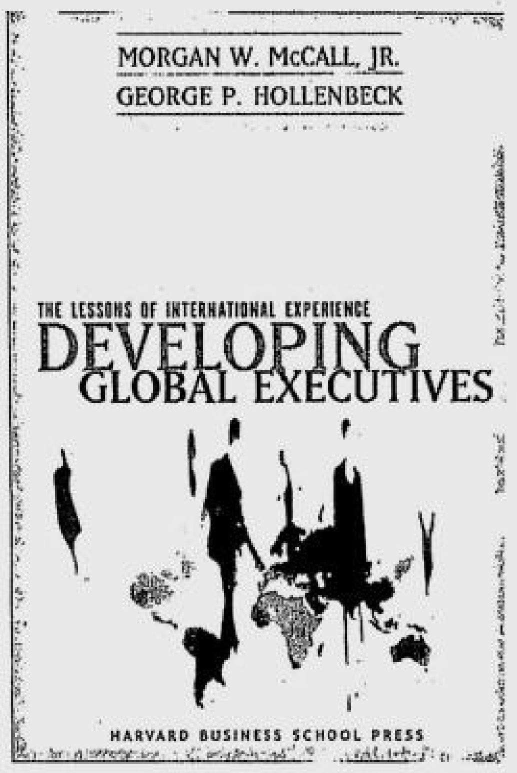
COURTESY call of Philippine Credit Reporting Alliance Inc. with Commission on Audit chair Guillermo N. Carague. (From left) Lito M. Espanol (First Asian Corporate Business Connection, Antonio R. Penaflor (Excellent Credit Information Inc.), Carague, Cayetano Paderanga Jr. (CIBI Information Inc.) and Jessie M. Asinas (Asian Credit)

Learn to see the world thru other people's eyes

EXECUTIVE READ

"Developing Global Executives"
By Morgan W. McCall Jr.
and George P. Hollenbeck
Harvard Business School Press, 2002

By Dante M. Velasco


MORGAN W. McCALL, JR.
GEORGE P. HOLLENBECK
THE LESSONS OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE
DEVELOPING GLOBAL EXECUTIVES
HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL PRESS

YOU HAVE bumped into some of them on several occasions—at work, cocktail parties, meetings of chambers of commerce and, yes, at the golf course.

They come in different types—multinational or transnational executives, officials of international organizations like the United Nations or USAID, overseas mission managers, country directors of funding agencies and executives of global enterprises.

In fact, dear reader, you may be one—an expatriate—or about to be one: You are about to leave the Philippines for Singapore, Thailand or Indonesia—and be an expat there with an expat's compensation package.

Actually, this is no longer new to many local executives. Since some businesses here are run by expats, we know many of them, some of whom have become friends. We also are aware that, somehow, they have been acculturized (a shortcut to saying they have adapted to our culture).

Filipino executives

Many of these expats here not only survive; they thrive. But, some of them fail, too. You hear one global executive saying he replaced someone who "bungled the job."

What about Filipinos being global executives? That's nothing new too. Multinationals (more in to say "global firms," taking off from the concept of a "borderless world") operating here have, in fact, sent outstanding Filipino managers to run refineries, begin a distribution network, complete a project or lead an audit team in many parts of the world.

Yes, Filipinos are not only OFWs; they are expats. It's not a case of brain drain. Our brains are a gift to the world. Viewed from another country's standpoint, it would be similarly proud of its "contribution" to businesses around the globe.

Whether you are a global executive, if not sending or even receiving one, you will find the book "Developing Global Executives" an insightful road map to understanding a globetrotting manager.

"What's happening out there," we ask—and this book tells us. The authors sent 300,000 questionnaires and made an in-depth study of 101 global leaders.

Different cultures

The book also answers the question, "What's happening in there"—meaning, within the mind of the expat himself—from developing a "global mindset" to finally internalizing it like second nature.

After 259 pages and many interviews plus tables, the book concludes: "The whats remain the same, but the hows are different." It means that the logic of business is true anywhere around the world from Sarawak to Paris, but the cultures are different.

Many executives interviewed concluded: "Business is business wherever you are." So, if the executive is already well equipped with the right mix of business strategies, all he needs is to adapt to the host country's culture.

One of the key conclusions made by the book is this: "The executives learned to focus on the similarities offered by business purpose, and, when possible, to exploit the cultural differences to create business advantages."

Reasons for failure

The authors have also identified universal factors in any business. They point out:

"Strategic consistency across cultures, they learned, could be achieved if they focused on the customer, leveraged scope and scale, tapped shared business values, benchmarked against world class processes, and thought about how to make money on a global (rather than local) basis."

One chapter is devoted to the "dynamics of derailment"—unhappy cases of global executives who didn't make the grade.

The reasons for failure were varied—from someone who was arrogant to another who focused on the wrong thing, from someone who was made a scapegoat to another who was the unwitting victim of an altered global strategy.

Speaking of risks, this chapter amply prepares global executives for some factored-in uncertainties. Simply titled, "When Things Go Wrong," this chapter is just one of 10 chapters.

It's the book's reassurance that things normally go well, and thus devote nine chapters to such cases.

Struggle with language

You will better understand the expats running our companies here or helping us with a new technology, with this book detailing to us how these global executives really struggle with language.

When you are the expat, back here in furlough or preparing for a great adventure away from home, this book is a great companion.

It's like listening to 101 global leaders telling you how they soared with success and how some fell crashing down. Invariably, they leave one valuable advice:

"You must learn to see the world through other people's eyes." *(dantemv@i-next.net)*

SIMPLE SHOP WITH BIG CLIENTS

'Little' shop fabricates great business ideas

By Maurice Malanes
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet—From the outside, the shop looks so decrepit that one would tend to dismiss it as simply one of those ordinary automobile and truck repair shops in this capital town of Benguet.

But make no mistake, great business and revolutionary ideas are being converted into machines inside the shop, with a shabby sign, "P. AQUINO MACHINE SHOP AND ENGINEERING WORKS," along Km. 4 here.

The shop has well-educated and highly skilled mechanical and electrical engineers and an electronics communication expert who are making good business out of their talents and skills.

With government support and incentives, these professionals can help bring about what President Macapagal-Arroyo calls a "strong republic."

This is if rural industrial development is one of the elements that Ms Macapagal has in mind to strengthen the republic.

Inside the shop, the three engineers, all in their early 30s, are surrounded by heavy machines, which can create other machines and gadgets.

Powering the countryside

Their products, in turn, can run the engine of development in the countryside.

One crucial machine is called a Lethe machine that can bore, scrape, thread and shape iron and steel. The shop has four Lethe machines in varying sizes.

The shop also has "shaper machines" that design flat surfaces of bolts and gear and "milling machines" that design gears.

All these machines propelled the Industrial Revolution in Europe in the 1700s and early 1800s, says the shop's key figure, Rogelio Aquino, a mechanical engineer who was fabricating a water turbine when the INQUIRER interviewed him recently.

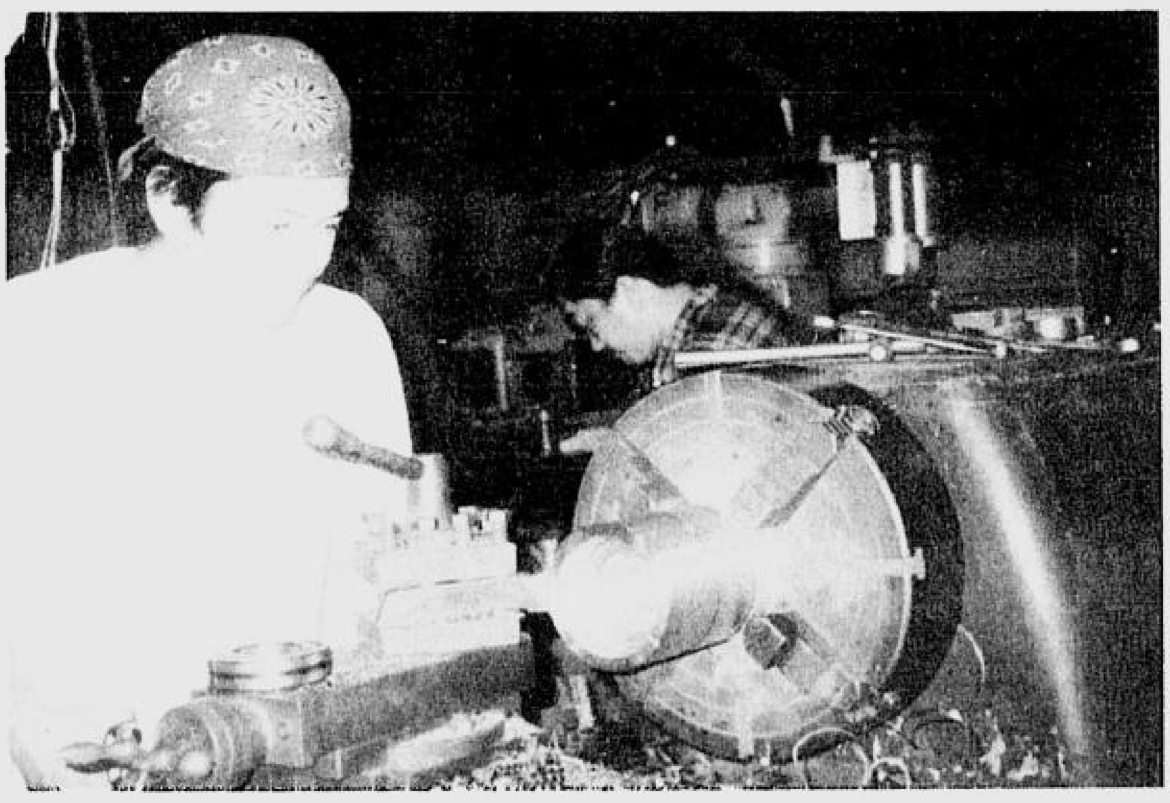
The turbine he was making through a Lethe machine would be used for a community-initiated and a private group-supported 20-kilowatt micro-hydro power project in Barangay Mabaca in Balbalan, Kalinga.

Aquino, 32, a graduate of Saint Louis University in Baguio City, designed the turbine himself after discussing the concept with Frank Taguba, another SLU-educated mechanical engineer involved with the non-government Sibol ng Agham at Teknolohiya (Sibat—Wellspring of Science and Technology).

Turbines

Aquino's turbine was designed to run a generator that would power a rice mill, which was intended to free village women and children from the task of pounding rice. A project of Sibat, the whole facility will also later light up the about 50 households in Barangay Mabaca.

The remote village of indigenous Mabaka folk, a sub-tribe of the Isneg from Abra where the tribe traces its roots, is beyond the reach of the National Power Corp.'s power grid.



ROGELIO Aquino fabricating a spare part of a water turbine. MAURICE MALANES

But the villagers' hope in seeing the light of a fluorescent bulb lies in a simple water turbine, which can make a difference in a village that has literally been in the dark for ages.

That simple turbine can be fabricated by the likes of Aquino, who, fortunately, opted to stay in the country to employ his innovative talents and technical skills.

Contracted for P250,000 to design and fabricate the turbine, Aquino expects to finish the machine in a month. He spent two weeks designing the turbine alone.

Big clients

Aquino's clients on turbine fabrication include Hedcor, one of the companies under the Aboitiz Group, which operates mini-hydro electric facilities in Benguet. The company sometimes contracts out some parts of turbines, which Aquino and company fabricate.

When Aquino's father, Pedro, opened the shop in 1969, the shop's clients were mostly owners of cars and trucks. But the elder Aquino, a mechanical technology dropout, set the trend in fabricating some spare parts, which could not be found in local automotive and hardware shops.

As early as five, the young Aquino was responsible for bringing *baon* (packed lunch) for his father. And as early as that age, he would tinker with his father's tools and other machines.

It was thus no surprise that the young Aquino grew up fascinated with machines and finally studied mechanical engineering.

But aside from machines, he also dreamed of becoming a pilot. Shortly before he graduated in 1992, Aquino applied for the Philippine Air Force. He passed the written examination but he failed the physical examination. The examiners found out that his eyes have weak reflexes.

Going into business

After graduation, Aquino sought jobs that could suit his degree, transferring from one company to another. The shortest job stint he had was with a cement factory in La Union.

"I only stayed there (cement factory) for a month because what could I learn from counting bags of cement?" he said, jokingly adding that that was the "longest job experience" he had. For the restless Aquino, the month-long boring job seemed like an eternity.

So even after graduation, he had that desire, to continue on learning new trends and innovations in the field of mechanical engineering.

He was eventually employed at Moog Controls, a company at the Philippine Export Zone Authority in Baguio City that manufactures the "servo valve," a major spare part of airplanes.

Aquino was not directly involved in making servo valves, but he was among a pool of engineers designing the machine fixtures that manufacture the major aircraft spare part.

"I really learned a lot at Moog," he said, citing new designs he learned in fabricating machine fixtures.

Gaining experience

After a seven-month stint with Moog Controls, he felt he had gained experience from romancing with the company's machines and decided to establish his own company to become his own boss.

In 1997, Aquino and two others—an electrical engineer and an electronics communications expert—established Triclops Engineering, a new company engaged in machining and fabrication services and mechanical, electrical, electronics, civil and architectural works.

More than turbines

For the meantime, Triclops is housed at the elder Aquino's machine shop here. For every profit Triclops earns, Aquino gives a certain percentage to his father.

Aside from water turbines, Triclops accepts jobs such as fabricating trolleys, repairing milling machines and other steel and iron works.

"Any company or establishment with machines and gadgets can be our client," says Aquino.

The new company's clients include Moog Controls, Texas Instruments (TI), the Baguio City government, soft drink plants in Pangasinan and construction firms.

Moog and TI often farm out to Triclops the fabrication of some parts of their machine fixtures.

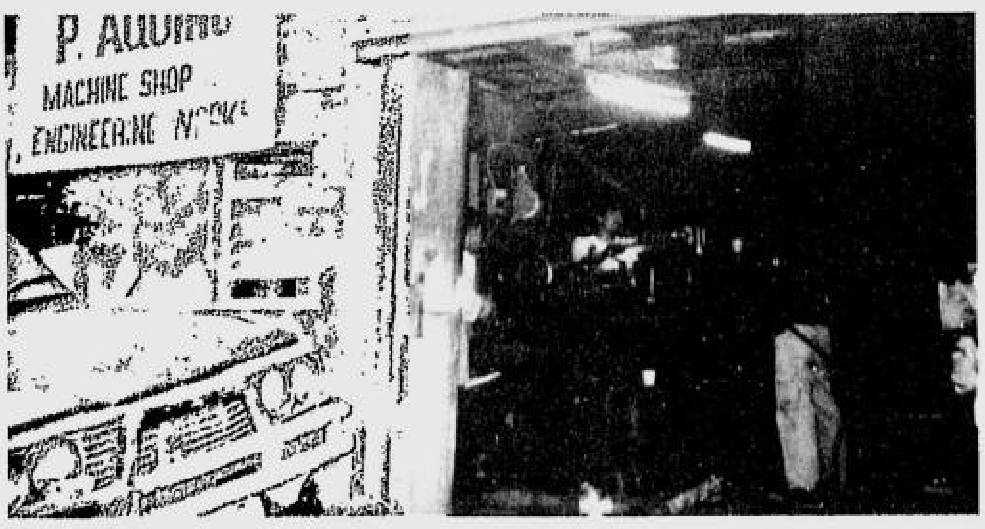
Triclops also caters to individual clients and rural development non-government organizations such as Sibat and SwissContact, a Swiss-funded group.

One of many shops

Aquino's shop is one of a legion of shops along the highway in La Trinidad Valley. But the INQUIRER learned some shops had shut down after two mining firms, their major clients in nearby Itogon town, had stopped operations in recent years.

Aquino's Triclops has survived because it has a cutting edge—continuous innovation, research and development.

"In this kind of job, we have to keep ourselves abreast with current trends in machine technology," said Aquino. "We get updated through and get new ideas from the Internet, from which we innovate our own."



THE DECREPIT shop where bright innovative ideas are transformed into machines and turbines for the countryside.

She used to peddle rooms, now she markets 22 hotels

From page B1

Shangri-La Hotel in 1990, and Peggy was part of the pre-opening group.

After five years with Edsa Shangri-La she was asked to head the sales and marketing division of Shangri-La Bangkok.

She admits she never had any ambitions of working abroad but it was her husband who encouraged her to accept the post.

She agreed and decided to try it out for two years. Since her two daughters were still young, she brought them along. Her husband had to stay in Manila because of his business.

After two years, in 1997, she told her superiors she wanted to go back to Manila but they had other plans for her. They invited her to go to Hong Kong and take on a regional post.

She accepted the new challenge. And once more she moved. Her children opted to stay in Manila so she shuttled every weekend.

"I would come home every Saturday evening and they would drive me to the airport every Monday morning to go to Hong Kong," she recalls.

In 1999 she told her bosses to send her back to Manila where she could still do the job but save the group the high cost of living in Hong Kong.

In 2000, however, she had to move to Singapore because of a reorganization.

It was only in August last year that she was able to move back to Manila.

Highest Pinoy exec

Peggy is the highest Filipino executive in the Shangri-La group and the first person to handle all the non-China hotels and resorts. (There are 16 Shangri-La hotels in China)

In the past, the group would have several VPs for sales and marketing handling a certain number of hotels and resorts.

Up to last year, there were two of them but when the other lady resigned they did not get a replacement and the job of handling the 22 establishments in the non-China region fell solely upon Peggy's lap.

She describes her job as that of a consultant who helps each of the 22 hotels in their marketing and positioning strategies.

"A typical day for me is phone calls and e-mail. About 95 percent of my calls are international and I get about 10 to 12 a day. Conversations last from 5 minutes to 30 minutes," she says.

She deals mostly with the marketing directors and general managers of these hotels.

It is also part of her job to regularly visit each hotel. She says since the start of the year she has already visited 19 of the 22; some she has visited thrice already.

She admits the hospitality market has been soft even before 9-11 tragedy. The decline of IT companies has adversely affected the industry.

But the soft market has not lessened her work load. She travels weekly and she really loves her job. She says she owes a lot of her success to her husband who has been supporting her and taking care of their daughters.

She rose to a high post solely on her own merits and she says her stay in various countries equipped her with the ability to deal with diverse cultures.

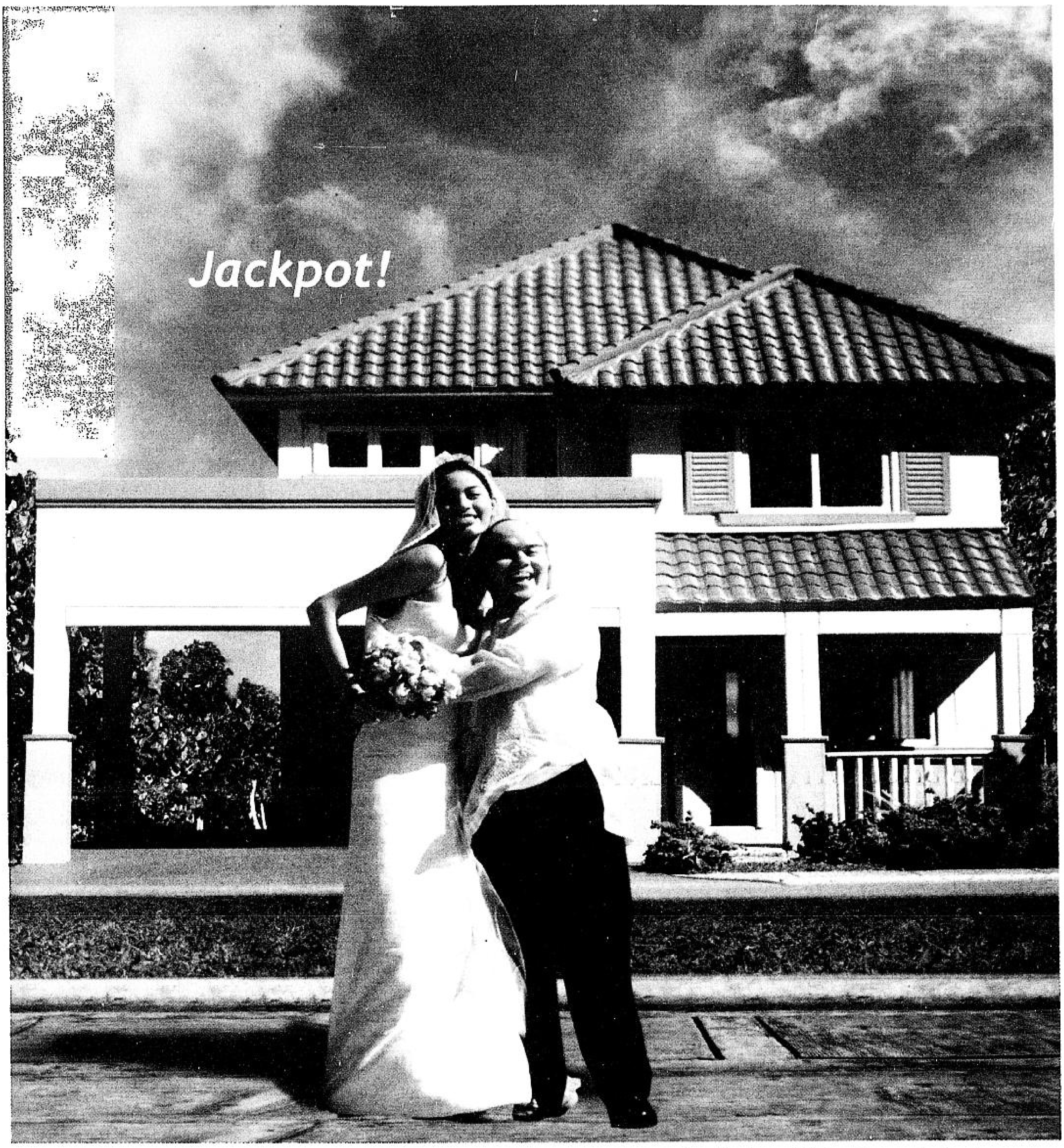
But she admits that her work has really taken her away from her family a lot.

Last Thursday "for the first time I took a day off to play golf with my husband just to be together."

One habit that has kept her feet on the ground is the knack to "quickly turn on and off."

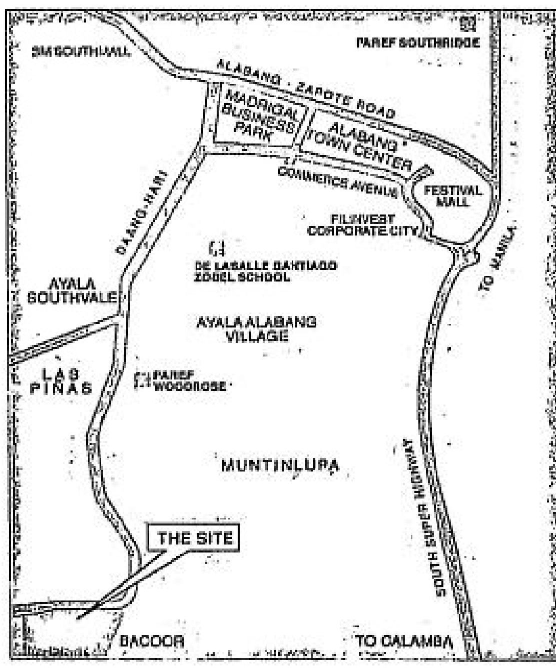
"Your life in the hotel is shielded—it's all nice environment with air conditioning. But reality is outside," she says. So she says every opportunity she gets, she gets out and eats lunch outside the hotel or just walk around.

Perhaps this is what has propelled her to the top—a firm grasp of life outside the carpeted floors and scented bathrooms.



Verdana Homes

Verdana Homes marries charm and efficiency in ways that will make you fall in love all over again. A comfy family room right beside a complete kitchen. A balcony with a beautiful view. Solid roof made of concrete roof tiles. A spacious garden. Enduring wood parquet flooring. Each makes a Verdana Home distinct. With floor areas ranging from 122 to 214 sqm, each home can be built according to your chosen facade, color and interior finishing. And a Verdana Home is made even more attractive by its affordable price and increasing value through the years. 'Feels like you've found the perfect one.



Low Downpayment.
As low as P28,000 per month for house & lot purchases.

Phase2 now open!

Call 7500471 or 7500484.
Visit our model houses and sales office on site.

COMMUNITY INNOVATIONS INC.
AN AYALA LAND COMPANY

www.communityinnovations.com.ph

Phase 1 HLURB License to Sell No. 04823-R4-02-03
Phase 2 HLURB License to Sell No. 05578-R4-02-07

While the particulars, details and visuals shown are based on present plans, buyers are invited to verify their factual correctness and subsequent changes, if any. The contents herein are subject to change without prior notice and do not constitute part of an offer or contract.

THE HERITAGE PARK

THE HERITAGE PARK
FORT BONIFACIO

more than just a memorial park

Bayani Road, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila, 1632
Tel. Numbers 845-2334 to 38 loc. 109/112; 845-2341 or 845-2342
sales@heritagepark.com.ph

People, Events & Products

Aries Espinosa, Editor
aespinosa@inquirer.com.ph

All systems go for LPHI farm estates in Lipa

WITH SITE development now going full blast, Laguna Properties Holdings Inc. (LPHI) is ready to introduce in the market a master-planned community in Lipa City that will combine farming and recreation with residential use.

On Sept. 12, LPHI will formally launch Hacienda Sta. Monica, an integrated country estate development, and Villa Sta. Monica, an exclusive residential subdivision, that will cater mainly to so-called weekend farmers and those who want to build houses in an estate setting.

Already, a 20-meter-wide spine road is being built to ensure maximum access and mobility within these developments. Later this year, LPHI will also start constructing the projects' common amenities and facilities.

Hacienda Sta. Monica is a 64-hectare development that will offer farm lots ranging from 750 to 1,500 sq. m. (priced at P1800 per sq. m.) as well as hacienda lots with sizes between 4000 and 6000 sq. m. (priced at P1200 per sq. m.)

The bigger lots are ideal for recreational and commercial farming, which can include growing fruits, flowers, vegetables and ornamental plants as well as aquaculture. Interest in the project has been overwhelming. Prospective buyers are encouraged by the possibility of earning a profit by selling their produce to a ready market.

Through a tie-up with Family Farm School (an agricultural school in Lipa), lot owners at Hacienda Sta. Monica may avail themselves of farm caretaker/maintenance services, farm consultancy and farm design services. The school will also offer Agritex organic technology farming.

Under a similar tie-up with Flower Factory and Javiland Palms (both owned by businessman Sandy Javier) lot owners may also buy ornamental plants, fruit-bearing trees and palm varieties with 10 to 15-percent discounts.

Villa Sta. Monica, on the other hand, is a 30-hectare residential village with lot sizes between 150 and 300 sq. m. It will be designed in such a way that it can accommodate existing LPHI houses.

Both developments will share the community's exclusive clubhouse amenities to include a multi-purpose hall, swimming pool, meditative garden, basketball court, jogging path, nature trail and landscaped playground. Electric, telephone and cable facilities as well as 24-hour security will be provided.

For inquiries, call 814-7451, 848-5071, 814-7497 and 848-5173 or e-mail LPHI at mktg.lphi@ayalaland.com.ph.

COO CITED AT INQ7 WORKSHOP

INQ7 Interactive Inc., DFNN, and the Capitol Jaycees award a certificate of appreciation to Efren Cruz (left), chief operating officer of The Mutual Fund Management Co. of the Philippines Inc. Cruz was cited for sharing his financial planning and investment know-how at the recently held INQ7money Talks workshop. With Cruz are, from left, Paolo Prieto, president and CEO of INQ7, Obet Oscueta, deputy national vice president of the Philippine Jaycees, Ramon Garcia Jr., executive chair of DFNN, and John Calub, sales and marketing director of DFNN.

MCDONALD'S DINNER FOR QUIZ BEE WINNERS

It was a night of fun and laughter for the finalists of the Asean Quiz Bee-Local Chapter, in a special dinner hosted by McDonald's at its Eastwood outlet. The dinner was actually a farewell celebration for the 4th year high school students who would be going back to their respective provinces after participating in the local finals. Three winners emerged from the finals, two of which will be representing the Philippine team in the Asean Quiz Bee proper this October in Bangkok, Thailand. Entertaining the students was Ronald McDonald himself, and delighted students and organizers with prizes and giveaway items. The Asean Quiz Bee is a project spearheaded by the Office of the Press Secretary, in cooperation with the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Education. Ronald McDonald is shown with McDonald's PR manager Zonito Torrevillas (seated 2nd from right) and Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) executive director Jojo Samson (2nd row, right) flanked by the participants of the Quiz Bee.

JBF Center offers 2003 CFAreview course, early-bird rates

THE ASIAN Institute of Management's Gov. Jose B. Fernandez Jr. Center for Banking in Finance (JBF Center) offers the 2003 Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Level I Review Course.

Since 1996, the JBF Center has been conducting CFA Review Courses for Level I candidates. During the 2002 CFA Level I examination, at least 67 percent of those who took the Course passed, surpassing the 44-percent worldwide average.

The Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Program is a globally recognized standard for measuring the competence and integrity of financial analysts. The CFA exam is administered annually in more than 70 nations worldwide by the Association for Investment Management and Research (AIMR)—an international organization that examines candidates and awards the CFA charter. Today, CFA Charter holders are respected and knowledgeable professionals in the investment management field.

The two-part review course aims to maximize candidates' chances of passing the examination. It covers the various components of the CFA Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK) that are relevant to the CFA Level I exam.

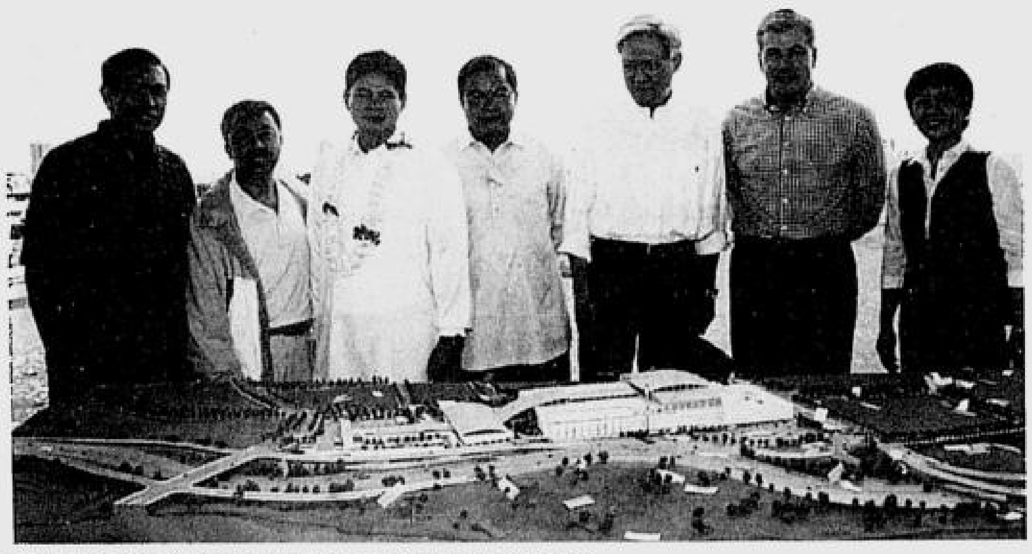
Classes will be held once a week (Tuesday), 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Asian Institute of Management. Part I will run from October to December 2002 and will be composed of 12 sessions covering quantitative methods, economics and financial statement analysis. Part II will start on January 2003.

Course fee for Part I is P20,000 and includes materials provided by the lecturer and access to a dedicated website and the AIM library. A 20-percent discount will be given to either early birds (those who enroll on or before Sept. 9) or groups of three or more. Substantial discounts for Part II will be given to those who will enroll in Part I.

For details, visit the JBF Center's website (www.jbf.aim.edu.ph) or call Gary Pigon (rpigon@dataserve.aim.edu.ph) at 750-1010 loc. 2100/2101.

CAFÉ LUPE GRILL & RESTAURANT OPENS

After its successful soft opening, Café Lupe Grill and Restaurant formally opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Café Lupe is located across the Guadalupe bridge, fronting the MRT station, and is open daily from 6 a.m. onwards, and serves dinner. Shown at the ribbon-cutting, from left, are RSCJ chair of Bigkis Youth Festival, Alvin M. Carranza, owner of Café Lupe and the country's leading outdoor advertising supplier McGraphic Carranz, lifestyle columnist Rissa Mananquil-Samson and Café Lupe chief cook Maritess Gutierrez (background).



MARKET! MARKET! BREAKS GROUND

What is envisioned to be a regional hub and a haven for bargain hunters and budget-conscious shoppers is taking shape on a 9.7-hectare property along C-5 Road, just outside the Fort Bonifacio complex. Market! Market!—the latest commercial center development of Ayala Land Inc. (ALI)—recently broke ground. The P4.7-billion, five-level destination shopping mall will offer 150,000 square meters of leasable space. The mall is set to open partially next year. At the colorful, barrio fiesta-inspired groundbreaking rites were (from left) Francisco Licuanan III, ALI president, Florencio Padernal, BCDA chair, Taguig Mayor Freddie Tinga, Isaac Puno III of BCDA, Rufo Colayco, BCDA CEO and president, Fernando Zobel de Ayala, ALI chair, and Miriam Katigbak, ALI SVP. The value mall sits on a lot acquired by ALI in a public bidding held by state-run Bases Conversion and Development Authority last year. To enhance access, ALI will develop the southern portion of the property into a transportation and terminal complex.

A GIFT FOR THE GIFTED

Gifted child CJ de Silva's 15th birthday marked the opening of her 3rd exhibit Aug. 1 at Café Appassionato, Makati. Special guests Sen. Noli de Castro, former gymnast Bea Lucero-Lhuillier, Philippine Association for the Gifted president Dr. Ventura, and Wyeth sales head Nina Lojo were present during the ribbon cutting ceremony. The exhibit, titled 'A Gift for the Gifted' displayed 31 of CJ's most recent works. As a gift for those blessed with talent like CJ, part of the proceeds went to the Philippine Association for the Gifted.

STATE LAND
YOUR DREAM. OUR COMMITMENT.

STATE LAND AWARDS TOP BROKERS

State Land Investment Corp., the country's premier middle-income residential property developer, recently held the general assembly of all its marketing networks during its semi-annual Brokers' Conference at the Heritage Hotel. This year's theme 'New Heights 25+1' highlighted the company's ongoing commitment to remain as a dominant force in the industry. The event coincided with the company's celebration of its 26th founding anniversary. The high point of the affair was the recognition of the Top Sales Performers among the company's business partners and sales associates for the first half of the year. Shown are the top officials of the company, led by Reynaldo T. Cometa, president, Bienvenido S. Uy, SVP for operations, Delie U. Chua, FAVP and head of sales, and Tyrine V. Chua, FAVP joined by some of the awardees and top sales performers. To know more about State Land, call 242-2440.

Bazaar for a cause

THE FRENCH Embassy and Alliance francaise de Manille invite everyone to the first Franco-Filipino NGO Bazaar and Exhibition showcasing local skill and artistry from Sept. 9 to 15 at the South Court, East Entrance Plaza Drive of the Power Plant Mall in Rockwell Center, Makati. 14 Franco-Filipino non-government organizations, committed to uplift the lives of Filipino people in partnership with various government agencies and local government units, will participate. This activity, made possible by the generosity of Rockwell Land and Danex Signs, will have on sale various crafts and products from NGO beneficiaries ranging from furniture, handicrafts, garments and bags. The event's proceeds will go to impoverished Filipino communities.

Janitorial services

THE TLRC will conduct a seminar on how to start and manage janitorial services on Sept. 9, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Resource person Rosalinda D. Gamboa will share her years of experience in training and supervising her staff, and as a former sales manager for a maintenance services firm. Topics include scope of janitorial services and management, manpower distribution, ocular inspection, communications skills for trainees, equipment and supplies, operation and management, sales, cost and return analysis. For inquiries, call TLRC at 633-5709 and 633-6728, or at 637-4108 to 12, local 605.

Product FILES

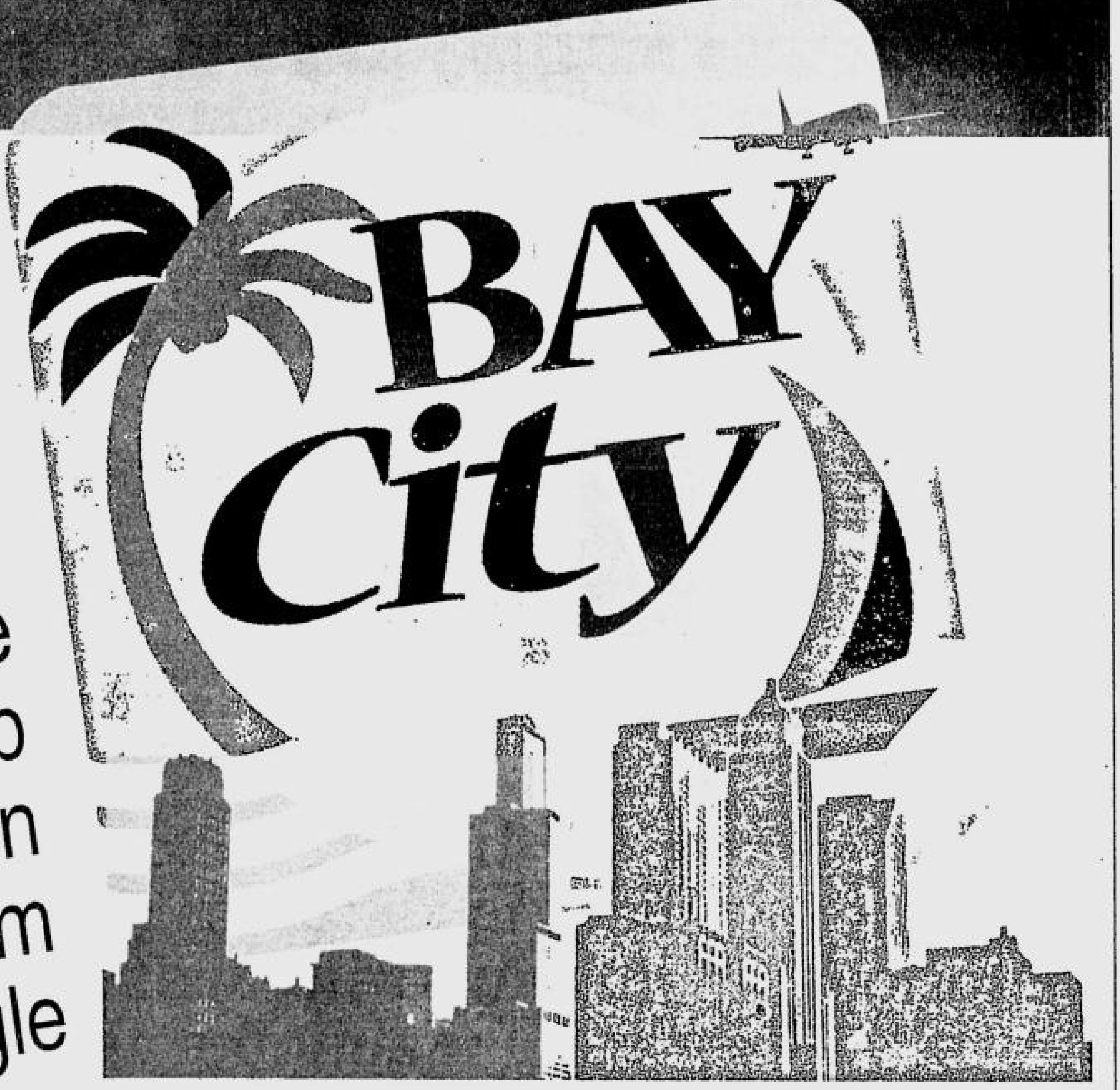
Vitamin C in new fruit candies

PFIZER'S Adams Group introduces Halls Vita-C Candy in two new flavors—strawberry and grapefruit. Just like the first two variants of Halls Vita-C, strawberry and grapefruit are two mouth-watering flavors candy eaters will surely love.

Aside from providing a delicious sensation, Halls Vita-C Candy can also help properly regulate Vitamin C intake to replenish essential Vitamin C the body eliminates about every 12 hours. One pack contains 9 candies and provides a 68.4 mg of Vitamin C. Halls Vita-C Candy is also available in orange and lemon flavors. These hearty candies are now available in supermarkets, groceries and in all other leading drugstores and convenience stores.

You are invited to bid for valuable properties at the bay front. Your place in the sun with the glorious sunset as a bonus!

Be part of the 21st century urbanscape mixing business and leisure where man and nature form a seamless web redefining a modern lifestyle away from the concrete jungle



STRATEGIC FEATURES:

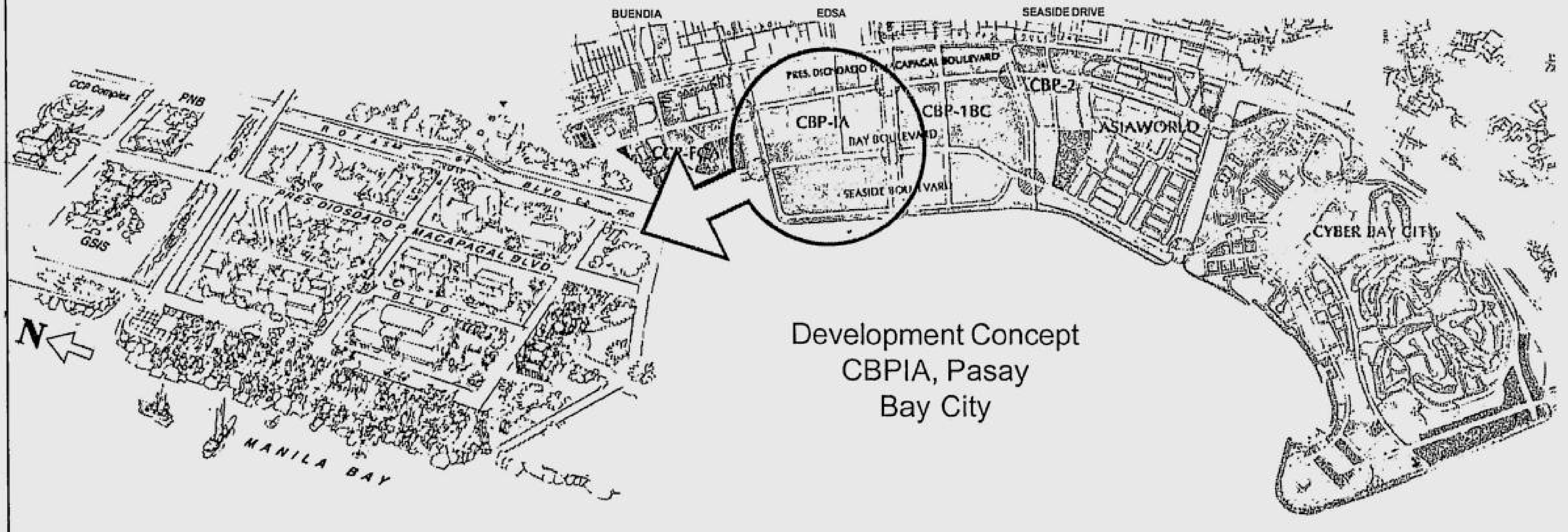
INTER-MODALITY – near NAIA I, II and III, the Port Area and accessible through EDSA, Roxas Blvd., Buendia, Quirino Ave., Seaside Drive, Pres. Diosdado M. Macapagal Blvd., MRT, LRT, Coastal Road

SCENIC LOCATION – Fronting historic Manila Bay with its world-renowned sunset; complementing Intramuros-Luneta-Malate Tourist Belt

MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT – For best, maximized land use, with existing underground utilities, wide roads, view corridors, parks and greenbelts

BUSTLING NEIGHBORHOOD – Surrounded by Shrine Of Jesus, on-going developments of SM and Metro Bank, Toyota Showroom, World Trade Center, CCP, PICC, PNB, GSIS/Senate, near the CBDs of Manila-Binondo, Padre Faura-Malate, Makati and several hotels, hospitals and universities

6.6 Hectares are initially available for sale, lease or joint venture through public bidding



Development Concept
CBPIA, Pasay
Bay City

A BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Office of the President of the Philippines
PUBLIC ESTATES AUTHORITY
7th Floor, Legaspi Towers 200, Paseo de Roxas, City of Makati, Metro Manila
Telephone Numbers 817-4711, 817-4712, 817-4713, 817-5017, 817-5018, 817-5014,813-1441/46
Fax (632) 815-2662, 815-2660, 817-3127
ZIP CODE: 1226

INVITATION TO BID

Bay City, a well-planned commercial and business center, with world-class development, a business balanced by nature and the most scenic business address, is now open. After a long wait, the opportunity to own, lease, develop parcels of land at the Bay City, CBP-1A is now possible. The Public Estates Authority is offering its properties to all interested parties who may want to transact business in a new urbanscape.

Perceived as the new metropolis by the bay, parcels of lands at the Central Business Park Island A will be offered for sale/lease/joint venture through Public Bidding. Below are the details of how to participate in the public bidding.

1. Parties participating in the public bidding may avail of the Bid Documents that will be issued starting Sept. 16, 2002 between 9:00 a.m. up to 4:00 p.m. at the Office of the Chairman, Asset Disposition Committee, PEA, 7th Floor, Legaspi Towers 200, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City. A non-refundable fee of Fifteen Thousand Pesos (P15,000.00) shall be charged to all prospective bidders.
2. Duly accomplished bid statement forms including other requirements shall be submitted to the Office of the ADC on date indicated in bid documents. Public opening of bids shall immediately follow thereafter. Late bids will not be accepted.
3. PEA reserves the right to disqualify any prospective bidder/s if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information, waive any formality or defect therein, to annul the bidding process and to accept the offer most advantageous to the government. PEA assumes no obligation whatsoever for the expenses that may be incurred by the proponent in the preparation of their proposals nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.
4. For further information, please inquire from the Chairman, Asset Disposition Committee during office hours, at telephone numbers 817-4711-13, loc. 139 and 146.

(Sgd.) Benjamin V. Cariño
General Manager and CEO

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING DIVISION
Main Office: PASONG TAMO, MAKATI CITY
☎ 8972535 (Direct) ☎ 8978808 (Trunk) Fax 8974808
G/F ATRIUM BLDG., MAKATI AVENUE, MAKATI CITY
☎ 8114361 ☎ 8114370 ☎ 8114012 Fax 8925578
ST. ANTHONY'S BLDG., AURORA BLVD., QUEZON CITY
☎ 912-9008-11 Fax 912-9011
SM MEGAMALL, MANDALUYONG CITY
☎ 6350219 ☎ 6872354 ☎ 6872366 Fax 6350220
G/F TRINITY BLDG., 636 T.M. KALAW ST., ERMITA, MANILA
☎ 5273342 ☎ 5280183 ☎ 5276357 Fax 5280213
ALABANG, MUNTINLUPA CITY
☎ 8424503 ☎ 8506465 Fax 8506465
e-mail address: main_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2002

NATIONAL CLASSIFIEDS

The Widest Reaching Classifieds

RATES
P230 per column centimeter
P65 per line
(All prices exclusive of E-VAT)

DEADLINES
for reservations / cancellations / corrections
Mondays to Saturdays 12:00 noon Day before publication
Sundays 12:00 noon every Thursday

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

MEDICAL

PHYSICIAN/SURGEON

• MAKATI POLYCLINIC • STD Skin Pregtest Mense Prob Repair Makati Medical Plaza Rm.811 810-1366

MKT STDPROSTATE CENTER SKIN WARTS IMPOTENCE RM 46 2178 P. Tamo 8175071

RAPID Tx VD-STD "Computerized Systems" SCARS Ex SWEAT ALLERGIES DERMA PEEL WARTS KELOID 15 Annapolis, Greenhills Call 7276124to25 9am-7pm

PERSONAL

ACCOUNTANT

BIR FILES 844-4389

CONSTRUCTION/ DESIGN

Design/Build Tel.2853284

House and Bldg Designs Construct Rnovate Carpentry Masonry Paint Plumbing Electl Sunrise 7326383

We Build Houses 417-8012

HEALTH/FITNESS

Weight Less Call 521-9683 / 0917-4770408

LEGAL

BIR FILES 844-4389

We Process Business Registration SEC BIR BOI DTI Call 725-7382 0917-8346107

MASSAGE

2002 RANCHO 8325228

24Hr MASSEUR 4588558

AKHIN THAI MASSAGE#0917 4116004 Mla#8347357. Cebu

BIO FLEX SALON & MASSAGE Services HOME&HOTEL MEN&WOMEN Tel#8943442 • 0919-6795069 Cel#0916-3229996

★323-3269★ MALE FACTOR

HHMS MALE 7314018

JAMES MALE 24HRS SERVICE 8518650 ; 0916-4590734

JV MALE 24hrs Service 09202387878 ;7800949

MALE 16 PALANAN 7320659

MALE SPA 562 BANAUE 7411426

ViP-M/F-24H-SVC 851-9937 Romy

www.escortshaven.com M/F Massage • 0918-5583080

REFLEXOLOGY

D'Millenium M/F 9347633

Edward 7289285 09205141821

FIELD OF DREAMS 7121066/7123699 M/F

HHMS MALE 0919-5581813

JO Reflex 2512712/09194775476

REFLEX CARLA 716-4898

RFLX 09192395660/8891997

RYAN 8445117/0919-6658730

Scorpion Massg 4372542

SUPERMAN / 0919-6116124

Wizard Massage 4213197

TUTORIAL LESSONS

• Adept Tutors @ 883-3671

• LIGHT 6301315 5268216 •

THESIS WRITER TONY 411-6945

MISCELLANEOUS

AUSTRALIAN VISA CALL OFC. HRS. ONLY 363-82-88

IRAH 24Hrs. 0917-8912020

Migrate to New Zealand! Free Orientation & assessment. By appt only 726-3805 / (917)817-9267

Website for P750 9359759

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

HOUSEHOLD

FLOOR SANDING

JL Flr Sand serv 4102824

HOUSEHOLD JOBS

IDEAL MAIDS YAYA 732-6750

Best Maids 4111593/7123501

Good Maid Yaya Boy 4214652

Good Maid Yaya Driver 7570579

Help Agency 532-1947 • 532-8376

IVYLANA Manpower Services MAID YAYA NURSE MIDWIFE TUTOR 926-8984 433-1431

Maid Yaya Boy Intl Cook 7572089

MaidYayaCookDriver7225119

Need Quality Services? We have available hboy, maid, cook, yaya, PT,nurses,midwives 7429329 7328405 7329642

ANGEL'S HANDS MAIDS W/NBI&BI 8834270 4213253

•Reliable Maids 8330946-47

TRUSTED KASAMBAHAY 7423378

TRUSTED QUALITY MAIDS W/NBI & BI 421-3828

We have maids nurse mwife PT homecare 3664375 / 4128728

LIPAT BAHAY

L-BAHAY 9206784 4540520

•CHEAP LBAHAY 9260424•

L-BAHAY 8383742/5447599

LBAHAY 7113540

L-BAHAY 781-2564

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

COMML/RESDL

Birmingham PLACE
Brookside Hills, Cainta, Rizal

Hse & Lot, 2 sty Twnhse 2BR, 2TB with carport

HOMES
M.L. Quezon Ext. Antipolo City
Two-storey Town house

BIRMINGHAM SUNRISE
SAN MATEO, RIZAL
50m² up nr Quezon City 2BR, 1T&B with carport

PANORAMA HILLS
Nr SSS, Antipolo Overlooking M. Manila Only 20% DP Balance 5 yrs

HOMEOWNERS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
697-5973/655-0134 948-8360/997-1104

HOUSE & LOT

KALOOCAN

CAMARIN Cal City LA240m² FA104m² 2BR 1TB P1.2M Vic 8903461 loc. 27

MANILA

4BR 4TB GARAGE STA.ANA, MLA. 4.5M NEG. •CALL 563-7624 •

W/RENTAL INCOME 6394031

MANDALUYONG

57sqm 1.8M 2br 1tb Narra Planks Flooring & Ceiling Boni Mand. Call 5340977

6BR 3TB LA288 FA240 5.5M Neg. 0917-8929980 533-4848

PASIG

5 Units Apt. 5.9M 6657772

Greenwoods 77.5sqm 3BR 2T&B w/Garage P2M w/Store 6415851•0919-3309248

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

COMML/RESDL

PROTECT THE VALUE OF YOUR PESO!! INVEST NOW!!!

UNIONBANK

SPECIAL PUBLIC AUCTION

ONLY 10% DOWNPAYMENT!
GUARANTEED FINANCING!
FIXED 15% INT. P.A. 15 YEARS TO PAY!

October 05, 2002 Saturday 9:00 AM
2/F P. C. Reyes Rm., Philippine Columbian Sports Club Plaza Dilao, Paco, Manila

CALL: JOY (DL 893-8620) or 892-0011 loc. 2652 E-mail rmgarcia@unionbankph.com
CALL: ROSELL (DL 893-8614) or 892-0011 loc. 2611
CALL : ERIC (DL 840-0140) or (DL 812-6356) Visit us @ www.unionbankph.com

Peninsula De Punta Fuego Resort, Balaytigue Nasugbu, Batangas
Note: Subject to right of first refusal from ROXACO Land Corp. w/in 15 days
1 Lot/L2 Blk15 LA 492 *Min Bid - P5,904,000*
2 Lot/L3 Blk15 LA 574 *Min Bid - P7,500,000*
3 Lot/L16 Blk26 LA 722 *Min Bid - P8,878,000*
4 Lot/L17 Blk26 LA 868 *Min Bid - P10,850,000*

Orchard Res'l Estate & Golf & Country Club Dasmarinas, Cavite
FAIRWAY LOTS
5 L46 Blk 50 / LA 630 *Min Bid - P2,394,000*
6 L58 Blk 50 / LA 767 *Min Bid - P2,915,000*
7 L55 Blk 50 / LA 572 *Min Bid - P2,174,000*
NON FAIRWAY LOTS
8 L53 Blk 17 / LA 811 *Min Bid - P2,433,000*
9 L14 Blk 16 / LA 828 *Min Bid - P2,484,000*
10 L23 Blk 49 / LA 579 *Min Bid - P1,737,000*

VALENZUELA
11 Res. H & L / Charity St., Fortune Village 2 LA 300 / FA 163.5 *Min Bid - P1,300,000*
12 Res'l Bldg. 16-door,2-sty (GF-100% fnshd/L23-A 4 N. Urutia St., Palasan LA 670 / FA 694 *Min Bid - P2,800,000*
T'hses Kabesang Imo cor Pili Sts, Deato Subd.
13 Lot 1254B1A LA 40.49 *Min Bid - P313,000*
14 Lot 1254B1B LA 36.43 *Min Bid - P282,000*
15 Lot 1254B1C LA 51.72 *Min Bid - P400,000*
16 Lot 1254B1D- LA 43.44 *Min Bid - P280,000*
17 Lot 1254B1E LA 43.44 *Min Bid - P280,000*
18 Lot 1254B1F LA 43.35 *Min Bid - P279,000*
19 Lot 1254B1G LA 43.13 *Min Bid - P278,000*

ANTIPOLO
20 Thse/3BR, 2TB,w/ gar/ L4 B4, Voltez V St., Mariz LA 51 / FA 47.7 *Min Bid - P485,000*

MAKATI
49 Lot/Lot 1-B & Lot 2-B, Buendia Ave cor Marconi St. TLA 472 / NLA 285 *Min Bid - P16,200,000*
50 Comm'l Condo-5/F Millenium Plaza, Eduque St., corner Makati Ave FA 281.24 *Min Bid - P 14,500,000*

BULACAN
51 Lot(9 lots) Brgy. Bahay Pare & Bagbaguin, Meycauayan NLA 9,272 *Min Bid - P15,000,000*

CABANATUAN CITY
52 Res/Agri Lots/Lots 2, 3-A& 3-B, Daang Sarile, Valdefurente TLA 72,426 / NLA 69,467 *Min Bid - P15,700,000*

NUEVA ECIJA
53 Agr'l Land / Bo Sto Tomas, Jaen / LA 20,000 *Min Bid - P4,300,000*

Above properties for sale on 'as is where is' basis

RESIDENTIAL

PASIG
21 Condo-3BR,5TB, maid's rm,& parking/Unit 2603, AIC Gold Tower, Emerald Ave.,Ortigas FA 193.03 **** *Min Bid - P 7,200,000*
22 Condo-3BR,5TB, maid's rm,& parking/Unit 2602, AIC Gold Tower, Emerald Ave.,Ortigas FA 187.02 **** *Min Bid - P 6,900,000*
***** CCT in bank's name, but land and common areas with real estate taxes unpaid by developer*

PASAY
23 T'house-3sty,3BR,3TB w/ garage / Unit 5, EDSA Mansion # 670 EDSA LA 62.50 /FA 144.50 *Min Bid - P 2,000,000*

Sta. Maria, Bulacan Sunrays Village
24 Lot-L2 B2 / LA 70 *Min Bid - P100,000*
25 Lot-L6 B2 / LA 70 *Min Bid - P100,000*
26 Lot-L8 B2 / LA 70 *Min Bid - P100,000*
27 Lot-L10 B2 / LA 70 *Min Bid - P100,000*
28 Lot-L12 B2 / LA 70 *Min Bid - P100,000*
29 Lot-L13 B2 / LA 70 *Min Bid - P100,000*
30 Lot-L14 B2 / LA 70 *Min Bid - P100,000*
31 Lot-L15 B2 / LA 70 *Min Bid - P100,000*
32 Lot-L21 B1 / LA 79 *Min Bid - P112,000*
33 Lot-L22 B1 / LA 78 *Min Bid - P110,000*

CAVITE
34 T'house- 1-sty/ Block 49, Lot 112, City Homes Resortville, R-5 Brgy. Lancaan,Dasmarinas LA 35 / FA 22 *Min Bid - P145,000*
35 Res'l T'house/ Lot 1 Blk68, City Homes Resortville Ph2, Brgy. Lancaan LA 77 / FA 36 *Min Bid - P280,000*

MALABON
36 H&L/2-sty,w/ gar/No.11 Del Rosario Merville Subdivision, Dampalit LA 285 / FA 203.79 *Min Bid - P915,000*

COMMERCIAL

MANILA
54 Com'l Space/ 2F KP Tower CM Recto cor. Juan Luna Sts. Binondo FA 658 *Min Bid - P23,500,000*

VALENZUELA
55 Ind'l Lot Brgy. Maysan LA 11,457 *Min Bid - P5,200,000*
56 Ind'l Lot/Bo. Lingunan LA 7,841 *Min Bid - P2,800,000*
57 (2 bldgs)482 E Esteban cor. Lope de Guzman Street., Dalandan LA 500 / FA 168 95 *Min Bid - P1,500,000*

JUST BRING P20,000 SHOW MONEY FOR EACH PROPERTY AWARDED!!! (Cash or MC)
UnionBank may at any time withdraw any of the properties prior to auction date

QUEZON CITY
37 H&L/ L33, Blk 4, Romarosa Townhouse, Luzon Ave LA 60 / FA 124 *Min Bid - P1,200,000*
38 T'hse/Unit A-2, 5BR, 5TB w/attic & gar, Baler Luxury LA 163 / FA 244 *Min Bid - P4,600,000*
39 T'hse/Unit A-8, 4BR, 4TB w/ attic & garage Baler Luxury LA 129 / FA 258 *Min Bid - P4,400,000*
40 H&L/10 Molave Drive I Damong Maliit, Nagkaisang Nayon,Novaliches LA 400 / FA 81 *Min Bid - P800,000*

MUNTINLUPA
41 T'house/2-sty, Aguila Villa Thomes, Susana Drive LA 82.5 / FA 92.5 *Min Bid - P1,800,000*

LAGUNA
42 H&L w/ swimming pool Brgy. Pasol, Calamba LA 1,141 / FA 338 *Min Bid - P7,900,000*
43 H&L/Lot 7/Blk6, Olivarez Cmpd II, San Pedro LA 191 / FA 91 *Min Bid - P1,000,000*

BULACAN
44 H&L/Lot 35 Blk16, Kansas St., Ciudad Grande North,Ph2, Brgy. Lawa, Meycauayan LA 120 / FA 85 *Min Bid - P770,000*
45 Apt/5-door/725 Sitio MatangTubig, Lote Bo. Guyong,Sta Maria LA 150 FA 150 *Min Bid - P660,000*
46 H & L / 1-sty w/ 2BR, 2TB/ #31 Maria St., Ysmael Vill, Barrio Sta Rosa 1, Marilao LA 240 / FA - 141 *Min Bid - P 760,000*
47 Apt. /2-sty / 30 door/ M. Santiago Road, Lias Bo. Ibayo, Marilao LA 334 *Min Bid - P4,300,000*

TAGUIG
48 Lot w/ 2-sty ofc/ factory bldg / Lot 4580-C, Interior Maestrang Penang Ligid-Tipas, LA 328 / FA 512 *Min Bid - P 3,990,000*

QUEZON CITY
58 Ofc/Whse-No 399 Del Monte Ave., Brgy.Manresa TLA 2,401.3/FA 487 *Min Bid - P71,000,000*
59 Whouse/Lot 3 &21, B26, Roosevelt Avenue,SFDM TLA 5,641 *Min Bid - P 150,000,000*
60 Bldg- 4-sty unfnshd 394-A Sangandaan,Novaliches LA 218 / FA 721 *Min Bid - P4,100,000*

TARLAC
61 Lot/L4-A, Panganiban Street / LA 1,120 *Min Bid - P 13,400,000*
62 Lot/L4-B, Panganiban St.cor. Rizal Sts/LA 1,102 *Min Bid - P 13,200,000*
63 Lot/L4-C, Rizal St , Tarlac City / LA 759 *Min Bid - P 9,100,000*

BATANGAS
64 Lot /J. Gonzales St., Bo. Pagaspas, Tanauan/LA 47,950 *Min Bid - P35,100,000*

HOUSE & LOT

PASIG

RENT OR SALE #5 Phoenix Subd Nick 671-7062

QUEZON CITY

605.5 sq.m. 5BR/TB SCOUT TORILLO c/o LOPEZ 9280512

Dillman 4br4tb LA553m² 8.5M BFQC 3br2tb P5.5M 4227374

E. Abada Loyola Hts P14M LA450m² T-4260743/4336389

★ABS-CBN Bnew 5BR 5TB P9.9
★ Mindanao Extn Bnew 3BR 3TB 2CG Pool 24hr Sec P2.9
★TierraPura 5BR 5TB 4CG P12.5
★ Tierra Verde Lot 205m² 371-3996 • 0917-7957850 DBO

★Ayala Hts. 20-25M DBO
★Xavierville 16M • 948-0760

Nr. Ateneo 0917-8979777

★TEACHERS VILLAGE★ P3.5M 4BR 3T&B 2car grge 422-0277 / 913-1737

QC Nr Batasan New Bnglw 4BR 3TB Crprt 4.5M Diana 9268736

SALE #18 Adonis Acropolis Subdivision • 636-7974

SIKATUNA 400m² cor Alley 2stry hse with big vacant lot nr Glori / Church 8M Call Mrs Camacho 921-6479

HOUSE & LOT

QUEZON CITY

•SM North Bnew 9263307•

4BR 4TB Attic 2car grge maidsrm LA223 FA300 North Susana Exec Vill 9328970

RIZAL

F'VEST UP&DN P10M Com'l 6468275

SAN JUAN

Lovely Rustic 5BR Home N.Greenhills 634-1212

PROVINCIAL

110m² 1BR S.J. DelMonte Bulacan 450T • 632-6664

Imus 670T/1.2M 3BR/2TB/grge D/P 20% Bal.10yrs. 631-0190

OTHER AREAS

ADELINA 1 3Bdrms LA183m² P1 5M Vic 8903461 loc. 27

BAGUIO 500m² 3hses fully furn beautiful P7M 9215479

Elysion Homes Meycauayan Bul. Call 3243550 / 9626679

La Joya Sta Rosa P1.3M Neg 120m² 2BR&TB RFO Bnew 0917-7914219

Laguna Bel Air-3 0917-9114250

LOT

KALOOCAN

420m² @ P4,200 Balubad St. Amparo Subd Nova 801-6251

CAPITOL HOMES II cor lot nr SM Fairview cash or 1year to pay Call 0918-9265779

MUNTINLUPA

PLEASANT VILL w/proposed rd direct to FILINVEST ALABANG 477m² P3,963/m² SOUTH GREENHEIGHTS VILL 300m² P3,833/m² Vic 8903461 loc. 27

PARANAQUE

BETTER LIVING 314sqm 7T/sqm Tel 851-0777 Pat/Rose

Multinall LA-600 681-9868

PASIG

GREENPARK 211m² 645-8757

METROVILLE SUBD. Between Makro & Sta. Lucia Mall 2Adj. 180m² Lots • 634-2027

Parkwood Executive 200sqm w/Fence & Fillings 421-2265

Primelot Greenpark 291m² nr Robinsons 9316928 NET

QUEZON CITY

2000sqm Balintawak QC Nr. EDSA P24M • 726-3488

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

LOT

SACRIFICE SALE!
For first reasonable FIRM OFFER on 10,750 sqm. industrial/residential lot in Dampalit, Malabon. No flooding, adjacent to wide river and warehouses. Cash/terms and Brokers O.K. Call office hours Alice or Ampy T-913-6382.

RUSH SALE
LOT IN BAGUIO 170 sqm, Alphaville Subdivision Sale @ 490T. Very Cheap! (Market Value: 750T) CALL: 0917-846-5905 0917-787-0968

Occidental Mindoro
100has property in Lawaan, Abra de Ilog, Occ Mindoro nr Puerto Galera w/ beach-front suitable 4 resort/ranch/ agri 4 only
P250,000 per hectare
Call Nick 921-5718

QUEZON CITY

CAPITOL HILLS 2000sqm Bes Ayala Hts 09178991581

★ FERNDALE QC ★
Ayala Res Lots New Phase 204-290m² @ P9.500-P12.160 Pay 20%(In 2 months) Bal 5 yrs. Mo. Interest HSES & LOTS - 3BR 3TB 150 - 300 FA 200-300 LA @ P6M P13M 2 yrs - 10 yrs Term w/ Complete Facilities ★9319160 9319117 T.Banez

RIZAL

177sqm Valle View Subd. Cainta Rizal Tel 926-0267

1.7HA Pililla Rizal P3M Direct Buyers 725-3488

240 sq.m. Res. Lot Village East Cainta Tel. 9280512

PROVINCIAL

Ayala Hacienda-Farm LOT Lipa Pre-sell 823-4985

Batangas Balayan 14.5ha P700/sqm 0917-07912430

Invest now and gain a lot in the future
Cavite Light Ind'l Park
With 1.98 Hec Commercial Blk. Phase 1 Ready for Move-In Phase II at Php. 1,600/sqm Maguyam Rd, Carmona Cavite Tel. 634-2956 /635-8108 Merle Brokers are Welcome

RUSH: TAGAYTAY LOT 2510sqm Price: P5000/m² Overlooking along Natl. Rd. beside Splendido Yolly Cupat C#0916-5539078 or 09187063777 or Tel#9515359 or 046-4133505 email: REINER@GUOMAI.SH.CN

TAAL Btngs 200m from Diversion Rd LA6794m² P186/m² Vic 8903461 loc. 27

United San Pedro Laguna Lot For Sale 303 sq. Meter Tel. 660-5493 Bobby

OTHER AREAS

400m² RODEO HILLS nr Royal Tgyty & Natl Rd 2,500/sqm T-8265534

CONDO/TWNHSE/ APT

MAKATI

1.2M 2BR CONDO READY 4 OCCUPANCY. Nr. Makati. Only 10%DP required 5yrs term 0% interest 888-3333

APT. 4 SALE San Antonio Vill. Mkti 78sqm for residential or office 1.5M #896-2561

MANILA

Nr La Salle 1.6M FFur 1BR 0919-6781363•433-6873

P899T CONDO UNIT Along V. Mapa Ext. Nr. San Juan & Ortigas. W/ 1st class amenities Spool, Clubhouse, Bball court. Few units left. 716-7039/7044

RUSH SALE 77.22 sqm. 5/F MIDLAND PLAZA ERMITA Newly Renovated P2.2 Neg. (0917) 4879655 BOHOL (038) 5001014 / 5335428

SN ANDRES MLA NR SSHIWAY Bnew Twnhse/3stry/4br/3tb/grge/maid P2.795M up 8903461 loc 34

PASIG

Own Ortigas Condo 2BR unit. Only 13T/mo. Beside S&R complex. Big Discount. 666-1604/1882

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

LOT

CONDO/TWNHSE/ APT

QUEZON CITY

FOR SALE
FURNISHED & UNFURNISHED

ONE BEATRIZ TOWER
1st Class COMM'L-OFFICE RES'L. CONDO. B-4 BUYING / INVESTING
COMPARE & CONSIDER:
1. 1st CLASS AMENITIES NAME IT... WE HAVE IT!!!
2. ACCESSIBILITY - SCHOOLS (Ateneo, UP, Miriam, Kotska, PSBA, NCBA), BANKS, Other Bus. Establishments & TRANSPO to any part of M. Mla
3. X'lent VIEW (360°) of the Metropolis w/roof-top S. POOL & Garden
SEE... IS TO BELIEVE!!!
FOR BUSY INVESTORS / BUSINESSMEN WE ARE OPEN UNTIL 9:00p.m.
ONLY 10% DOWN TO TRANSFER
FEW UNITS LEFT
MASTER C RE-DE, INC.
TEL#: 922-4464 / 921-4883 / 433-7668 / 433-8842

MANILA

BELICIA HOMES - MLA.
#2246 ADONIS ST. PANDACAN MANILA

2-BR w/ 2 T&B w/ PROV. FOR ATTIC CONVERTIBLE to 2 BRS.
P1.95M ONLY
CONSTRUCTION ON-GOING
SPACIOUS PARKING
30% D/P IN 6 MONTHS
BAL.-BANK LOAN OR IN-HOUSE
T: 422-0277 • 913-1737

PASIG

VVERDE 3BR 1.9M 9124323

QUEZON CITY

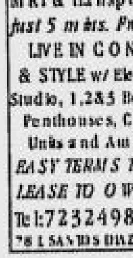
3 BLDGS 53 APTS LA1325m² STA. MESA HEIGHTS P38M DOY 7214226 / 09179737989

Condo Near SM Center PT 375T AS BAL 8709330 RSH

CUBAO Condo 1.4M 9132224

Nr. Ateneo 0917-8979777

Nr Ateneo 1.8M 3BR 3TB Pkg 0919-6781363•433-6873



40% Discount for Sept. & Oct.
OWN a HOME at LEASE RATES!!!
As low as P10,000 monthly
PYP MANSION II
Prime location,very near E.D.S.A., Araneta Center, MRT & transpo terminals, just 5 mins. From Ortigas
LIVE IN CONVENIENCE & STYLE w/ Elegant lobby
Studio, 1,2&3 Bedroom Units Penthouses, Commercial Units and Ample Parking
EASY TERMS THRU BUY or LEASE TO OWN SCHEME
Tel:7232498,7237811
78 E. SANTOS DIAZ ST. CUBAO, QC

Thse 2BR w/Grge Fairview Near FEU Hosp. • 632-6664

UNION SQ ONE FA80m² P1 64M 1BR 2T&B Vic 8903461 loc. 27

Xavierville Near Ateneo 2BR Furnishd 0917-3955738

SAN JUAN

26m² 1.5M 641-2863

Metrohomes 3br 2tb 2.7M Call/Text 0917-8490890

Nice 2BR Condo Nr. Shaw & Greenhills 112* • 726-1222

MEMORIAL LOT

HERITAGE 7120038/0270/0229

AGRICULTURAL LANDS

Plaridel Bulacan 2hectares Beng 9314466 or 9124573

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

AGRICULTURAL LANDS

Ranch 450Has with Windmill along Hiway Call 727-6277

FARM/FISHPEN

1.2M 2584m² PaomBul pltry farm H2O tank w/tel 09179623506

7 HA Binalonan Pangasinan Mango Farm 0755622090

FARM 0916-4896968 ARNOLD

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

APARTMENT

MAKATI

9723-E KAMAGONG ST DAISY 733-7677 OFF HRS.

NEW COMMERCIAL/STUDIO TYPE FOR RENT 1059 DEL PAN MKTI CITY 5634077

MANILA

1048 C. AGUILA ST. DAISY 733-7677 OFF. HRS.

2665-B TAFT AVE. 4BR 2TB NR. LA SALLE DAISY 733-7677 OFF HRS.

Apt 7841746/6682108

Malate-Ideal For Doctor or Lawyer Tel.5235465/5362167

QUEZON CITY

78-B 11th Ave Cubao 4272560

APTS 4 RENT #78 MASIKAP EXT NR HEART CTR 9293366

CUBAO Female P3.5 9124428

PROJECT 8 new P8T 1BR 1TB with garage call 929-2267

Rwhouse 2BR w/ TB grge P3T/mo Good4 newly married working @CHall COA SBayan Parkwood Subd 4212730

OTHER AREAS

Pateros New 3br 2tb 12T 9102498

HOUSE

ALABANG

221 ACACIA AVE. 3BR, DEN 6TB W/ JACUZI, POOL W /FOUNTAIN ALMOST F-FURN, SHED DAISY 733-7677 OFF HRS.

MAKATI

1767PALOMARIA ST. DASMARINAS VILL. 4BR + DEN 5TB, POOL & GENRTR DAISY 733-7677 OFF HRS.

MANDALUYONG

2BR 1TB Grge 532-4742

RES/BUS 250 on 353² 4BR 3TB Whse Rent/Sale 375 Jose Rizal St Tel 7244548

PARANAQUE

MAKATI SOUTH HILLS 2-Stry Hse 3 BR Scrnd 3TB Maids BR TB Spacious w/Tel plenty H2O Call 823-2391

SV SUBD 4BR 4TB DEN 2CAR PAINTED SEE CALL 7870919

PASIG

3BR 2TB w/Carport 15T Neg. Call 713-1869

Sale P2.5M or Rent P12T Nr. Pasig Rotonda 3br 1tb Up/Dwn w/Tel, Pkg Ott. 6336711 09178940441 Techie

QUEZON CITY

AYALA WOODSIDE Hemady 3BR 2TB w/Tel Maids Rm Tel 4260395 ; 4260389 7521163 ; Cel 09177961217

Katipunan Nr Miriam Coll. Call Lia 532-0798 P25T

Studio 3rd Flr T-3730557

SAN JUAN

293 RE-RAON ST. 2 STRY 5BR., 3TB Nr P. Guevarra St. DAISY 733-7677 OFF HRS.

PROVINCIAL

BAGUIO NR PMA DLY/WKS FF 9316443 09178991581

BRENT COR YANCO ST. 3BR, 2TB, GRD FLR. IN-FRONT BRENT SCHOOL DAISY 733-7677 OFF HRS.

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

CONDO/TWNHSE

MAKATI

18th Flr. 187 Sqm FF Condo. Along Buendia Ave. 3BR 3B 1 Tel 1 Parking Call 8907745 / 8976292

BNEW MKTI CONDO-11K OXFORD SUITES FF ELEGANT W/ NICE VIEW 10MINS.FR.ROCKWELL NR BUENDIA & MKTI AVE. 7594091*7522580 0917-8381928

CLASSICA TOWER-123BR Salcedo Village, Makati, 43-157m² 18-70K,UF/FF 7594091*7522580*7592335

CTL8 1BR P9T Fur 9299835

Essensa - Luxury 3BR Fort Bonifacio, 290m² Available in FF or SF 7594091*7522580*7592335

new studio/2BR/clinic/office very clean w/security guard impressive lobby w/elevator P7.5T no association dues no rent increase for 2 years 1672 Dian St., Mktl. nr Buendia. Call Rose 843-9418 or 536-9509

Palm Village Nr. Rockwell 3BR 25T/mo. 0917-3955738

MANILA

1BR Unit Fronting Manila Bay MARBELLA II ROXAS BLVD Unfurn. 35T/mo Chay 8959503

Marbella2 122m² P35 Neg. 2BR FF w/Park 0917-5202698

MANDALUYONG

16T 2BR Wack² 09189242622

CTLand Shaw Twr 1BR 9102498

PARAGON wk/mo FF MRT LN 0917-8991581 931-6443

PASAY

1 BR 1 TB Nice 8T Only 8073507

BVIEW TWRS RBLVD 1BR FF W/PARKING NICE VIEW 5368778

PASIG

III Sqm 22 Flr. Tektite West w / Tel ready for office Call 8907745 / 8976292

Valle Verde Terraces 1BR SF 15T 0917-2468094

VVTerraces Renaissance 1BR11T/ 2B20T /3B30T 6337468

QUEZON CITY

2BR 1TB Condo Nr. SM City EDSA Pkg P6T 0917-8125893

CUBAO 1BR P6,500 09189040772;9113125pm only

Dona Faustina Tandang Sora 3BR 3TB P18T/month Tel. 4260743 / 4336389

Studio Nr St. Lukes E. Rod. 8T 0916-3540679 Pkg

FOR LEASE

COMML/OFFICE SPACE Available for lease 280sqm more or less 483 P. Faura St. Malate Manila Call Paz 8672657•8672620•6554549

LIBIS WHSE 4 RENT 960 & 1064m² w/ofc. Tel. Call May 671-0815/671-5071

ROOM & BOARD

729-5220 near Ayala

8Male Prof 2T Pasay 8315026

Ldy Mkt 8950134 / 8907136

New Ladies Dorm Nr UST Class"A" Tel.6451185/6810992

Ortigas 8101 Pearl Plaza Pearl Dr Girls & Boys Dorm P6T Up. 633-5094 • 631-6936

Room for rent T9272729

BEDSPACE

DORM IN A CONDO-4K BURGUNDY WESTBAY TWR V.CRUZ NR LASALLE/ST.SCHO ALSO AVAIL. 4RENT: 1,2,3 BR/COML UNITS 7522580*0917-8370184

Lady AC Rms w/CR 4-5 person P2800/head T9530043

LOAN & MORTGAGE

2% w/o TAKING CAR 3677523/24

FINANCING-EASY FAST VERY PRIVATE CONVENIENT H/L Business Personal Gigie/Ernie 8903461 loc. 25/23

Keppel Bank

THE BEST DEAL TO OWN A REAL ESTATE PROPERTY GETS EVEN BETTER!!!

Check out these Buyer-Friendly Terms:

- As low as 20% downpayment!
- Up to 15 years financing!
- As low as 10% interest rate!
- Selling prices are way below the Fair Market Value!
- HUGE DISCOUNT for CASH Buyers on selected properties!

Property Management Unit

For inquiries, please call:
Penn, Jun, Alma, Richie, Rannie, Neth, Ton-Ton & Ernie
Tel. No. (02) 727-3722 locals 504, 505, 507, 274, 285 & 544
Fax Nos. (02) 726-8535 / (02) 722-7340

AREA I: Las Piñas, Makati, Pasay and Parañaque Area

CODE	LOCATION / DESCRIPTION	SELLING PRICE
KBPI 69	Unit 203 2/F #7395Praise Condo, Santillan St., Makati City; FA-155.497 sq.m.	P 6,064,383.00
KBPI 70	Unit 303 3/F #7395Praise Condo, Santillan St., Makati City; FA - 144.307 sq.m	P 5,627,973.00
KBPI 71	Unit 701 7/F #7395Praise Condo, Santillan St., Makati City ; FA - 225.003 sq m	P 9,945,117.00
KBPI 72	Unit 801 8/F #7395Praise Condo, Santillan St., Makati City; FA - 225.003 sq.m.	P 9,945,117.00
KBPI 98	Unit 505 5/F #7395Praise Condominium, Santillan St., Makati City Condominium Unit: Office & Commercial space. Finished complete with male & female CRs; Floor Area – 28.079 sq. m.	P 1,095,081.00
KBPI 86	Lot 2-A-1-H-2 (Formerly 2-A-1-H) Alabang Zapote Road, Las Piñas City Commercial Lot with an area of 594 sq. m., improved by two (2) single storey building utilized as office and canteen; Building 1 – FA : 104.00 sq. m. /Building 2 – FA : 61.00 sq. m.	P 13,000,000.00
KBPI 159	No. 316 El Grande Avenue, BF Homes, Parañaque City Two (2) adjoining Residential Lots, Improved by Single Storey Residential Building with Roofdeck. With four (4) bedrooms, and two (2) toilet & bathrooms Lot Area = 793.00 sq. m. / Floor Area = 325.25 sq. m.	P 5,000,000.00
KBPI 175	Unit 3-C, T-Tower Condominium, No. 5040 P. Burgos St., cor. Calderon St., Makati City One (1) storey bedroom Residential Condo Unit located at the third floor, provided with living, kitchen area, and two (2) toilet & bathroom. Floor Area – 70 sq. m.	P 1,750,000.00
KBPI 176 KBPI 177	Unit 3-D and Unit 7-C, T-Tower Condominium, No. 5040 P. Burgos St., cor. Calderon St., Makati City. Studio type Residential Condo Unit located at the third floor, provided with living, kitchen area and one (1) toilet & bathroom. Floor Area – 32 sq. m. /unit	P 800,000.00 each
KBPI 178	Chingkiang St., Brgy. San Jose, Pasay City Two adjoining lots with a house. Lot Area – 600 sq. m.	P 5,000,000.00
KBPI 192	Metropolitan Club, Inc. – Strella Street, Palma Village, Makati City No. of Shares – One (1) : Class A – Share No. 2237	P 120,000.00
KBPI 195	Unit 2, Garden Homes, Aventine Hill Street, BF Resort Village, Las Piñas City Improved by two (2) storey Residential Townhouse – Type Building Lot Area – 72 sq. m. / Floor Area – 84 sq. m.	P 1,000,000.00
KBPI 196	Unit 52, Garden Homes, Aventine Hill Street, BF Resort Village, Las Piñas City Improved by two (2) storey Residential Townhouse – Type Building Lot Area – 56.28 sq. m. / Floor Area – 63.40 sq. m.	P 800,000.00
KBPI 197	Unit 55, Garden Homes, Aventine Hill Street, BF Resort Village, Las Piñas City Improved by two (2) storey Residential Townhouse – Type Building Lot Area – 82.50 sq. m. / Floor Area – 93.50 sq. m.	P 1,200,000.00
KBPI 198	Unit 72, Garden Homes, Nicanor Abelardo Street, BF Homes, Parañaque City Improved by two (2) storey Residential Townhouse – Type Building Lot Area – 72 sq. m. / Floor Area – 84 sq. m.	P 1,000,000.00
KBPI 199	Unit 70, Garden Homes, Nicanor Abelardo Street, BF Homes, Parañaque City Improved by two (2) storey Residential Townhouse – Type Building Lot Area – 72 sq. m. / Floor Area – 84 sq. m.	P 1,000,000.00
KBPI 200	Unit 88, Garden Homes, Nicanor Abelardo Street, BF Homes, Parañaque City Improved by two (2) storey Residential Townhouse – Type Building / Office Building Lot Area – 84.90 sq. m. / Floor Area – 93.50 sq. m.	P 1,300,000.00
KBPI 201	Unit 82, Garden Homes, Nicanor Abelardo Street, BF Homes, Parañaque City Improved by two (2) storey Residential Townhouse – Type Building Lot Area – 82.50 sq. m. / Floor Area – 93.50 sq. m.	P 1,200,000.00

AREA II: Manila, Quezon City and San Juan Area

CODE	LOCATION / DESCRIPTION	SELLING PRICE
KBPI 113	No. 17 (Lots 4 - A&D) Calderon Street, Brgy. Manlag, Proj. 4, Quezon City House & Lot, Improved by a two (2) storey 2-door apartment residential building. It is about 15m away from J. P. Rizal and about 150 m from Aurora Blvd. Near PSBA – Aurora Blvd. Lot Area – 128.00 sq. m. (Lot 4 –A) and 37.50 sq. m. (Lot 4 – D, right of way)	P 2,000,000.00
KBPI 117 KBPI 118	Unit 5 and Unit 9, Luxor Villas Townhomes, Santolan Road, San Juan, Metro Manila Four (4) storey concrete bldg. with parking space. FA = 280.00 sq.m. /unit	P 6,300,000.00 each
KBPI 147	No. 2985 Clemente Street cor. Gabriel Street, Tondo, Manila Improved by a two (2) Storey Residential Building and Candy Factory with roofdeck Lot Area – 172.00 sq. m.; Floor Area – 156.00 sq. m.	P 2,500,000.00
KBPI 168	Unit 35 Las Villas del Cielo Townhomes, Brgy. Culiat, Tandang Sora, Quezon City Two (2) storey residential (townhouse type) condo unit with carport. With three (3) bedrooms and two (2) toilet and bathrooms; Lot Area – 58.15 sq. m. / Total Floor Area – 102.50 sq. m.	P 1,400,000.00
KBPI 169	Unit 38 Las Villas del Cielo Townhomes, Brgy. Culiat, Tandang Sora, Quezon City Two (2) storey residential (townhouse type) condo unit with carport. With three (3) bedrooms and two (2) toilet and bathrooms; Lot Area – 58.12 sq. m. / Total Floor Area – 101.99 sq. m.	P 1,400,000.00
KBPI 170	Unit 64 Las Villas del Cielo Townhomes, Brgy. Culiat, Tandang Sora, Quezon City Two (2) storey residential (townhouse type) condo unit with carport. With three (3) bedrooms and two (2) toilet and bathrooms; Lot Area – 52.48 sq. m. / Total Floor Area – 98.00 sq. m.	P 1,400,000.00
KBPI 186	Unit 85 Las Villas del Cielo Townhomes, Brgy. Culiat, Tandang Sora, Quezon City Two (2) storey residential (townhouse type) condo unit with carport. With three (3) bedrooms and two (2) toilet and bathrooms; Lot Area – 63.04 sq. m. / Total Floor Area – 111.54 sq. m.	P 1,400,000.00
KBPI 187	No. 57, Samar Avenue, Brgy. South Triangle, Quezon City Bungalow with basement and concrete framed building. It has two (2) living rooms, dining room, open terrace with rock garden, foyer, patio, lanai, four (4) bedrooms, six (6) T & Bs, maid quarter, kitchen, storage room and laundry area at the GF, and family room, guest rooms, library, three (3) T & Bs. driver's quarter and garage at the basement level. Lot Area – 1,500 sq. m. / Total Floor Area – 585 sq. m	P 37,000,000.00
KBPI 188	No. 12 (Lot 2), Carmel Street, Fairview Park Subdivision, Brgy. Fairview West, Quezon City Various classroom / Office building with Lot Area of 14 066 sq. m.	P 65,000,000.00
KBPI 189	Lot 7, Block 20, P. Bukaneg Street, Brgy. Sta. Lucia, Novaliches, Quezon City Improved by one (1) storey residential building with attic and carport. With four (4) bedrooms and two (2) toilet & bathrooms: Lot Area – 150 sq. m. / Total Floor Area – 158.55 sq. m.	P 1,300,000.00
KBPI 190	Block 66, Lot 39, Haring Constantino Street, Lagro Subdivision, Quezon City Improved by two (2) storey residential building Lot Area – 150 sq. m. / Floor Area – 125.35 sq. m.	P 1,500,000.00
KBPI 191	No. 12, Jude Street, Imelda Village, Brgy. Bahay Toro, Quezon City Improved by a two-level residential building with a single-storey extension type structure. With 3 bedrooms and 2 T & Bs. Lot Area – 252 sq. m. / Floor Area – 192.01 sq. m.	P 3,000,000.00
KBPI 193	No. 140, G. Reyes Street, Balong Bato, San Juan, Metro Manila Interior lot improved by a single-storey residential building with covered carport. With 4 bedrooms and 2 T & Bs. Lot Area – 250 sq. m. / Floor Area – 154.10 sq. m.	P 4,000,000.00

AREA III: Angono and Teresa, Rizal Area

CODE	LOCATION / DESCRIPTION	SELLING PRICE
KBPI 55	Lot 10, Block 1, Mission Hills., Brgy. Muzon, Angono, Rizal Vacant Residential Lot with anarea of 894 sq. m.	P 1,500,000.00
KBPI 57 KBPI 58	Lot 13 and 14, Block 1, Mission Hills., Brgy. Muzon, Angono, Rizal Vacant Residential Lot with an area of 540 sq. m./lot. Fully developed residential subdivision which is few kilometers away from Antipolo Town Proper: Equipped with basic amenities and utilities of a middle to upper middle class subd.	P 1,000,000.00 each
KBPI 202	No. 72, Magsaysay Avenue, Brgy. San Gabriel, Teresa, Rizal Improved by a split type (bldg. 1) and single-storey (bldg. 2) residential buildings, both with basement and store space. Approximately 400 meters from town proper Lot Area – 313 sq. m. / Floor Area = Bldg. 1 – 122.79 sq. m. / Bldg. 2 – 89.50 sq. m.	P 1,300,000.00

AREA IV: South Luzon Area

CODE	LOCATION / DESCRIPTION	SELLING PRICE
KBPI 61	Capitol Hills Executive Subdivision, Treca Martirez City, Cavite Various Vacant Residential Lots – 169 lots ranging from 39 sq. m. to 72 sq. m. lot area. Classified as low to economy housing subdivision. The subdivision is located at the rear side of Cavite Capitol within the Trece Martirez Town Proper. It is a fully developed subdivision.	P 1,800/sq. m.
KBPI 106	Rodeo Hills Subdivision, Alfonso, Cavite Vacant Residential lots – 16 lots ranging from 320 sq. m. to 668 sq. m. lot area	P 1,500/sq. m. to 2,000/sq. m.
KBPI 107	Rodeo Countryside Estate, Alfonso, Cavite Consists of two (2) Vacant Residential Lots with lot areas of 1000 sq. m. and 2000 sq. m.	P 1,500/ sq. m.
KBPI 111	Taguntong Hills, Taysan, Legaspi City A lot uphill along Legazpi-Manito traverse road, improved by a two-storey residential building (upper level) while the lower level consists of 3-door apartment units. Location is about 5 kms. road-distant from Legazpi City Proper. LA – 2,548 sq. m. / FA – 507.38 sq. m.	P 4,000,000.00
KBPI 112	Taguntong Hills, Taysan, Legaspi City Four (4) adjoining residential lots with a total area of 479 sq. m., situated along the Legazpi-Manito National Highway. With two-storey townhouse unit with basement. Overlooking Mayon Volcano.	P 2,000,000.00
KBPI 144	Lot 833 Plan GSS-877, Bo. San Vicente, San Pedro, Laguna Vacant Lot; LA -841.00 sq. m.	P 800,000.00
KBPI 183	Lot 14 & 16, Blk. 29, Road 28, Town & Country Dasmariñas, Brgy. Burol, Dasmariñas, Cavite Vacant lot with 30% finished two (2) storey Residential Apartment Lot Area = 192 sq. m.	P 768,000.00
KBPI 194	Lot 33, Block 12, Cityview Dasmariñas III Subdivision, Bo. Malinta, Dasmariñas, Cavite Vacant lot with an area of 592 sq. m.	P 473,600.00

AREA V: North Luzon Area

CODE	LOCATION / DESCRIPTION	SELLING PRICE
KBPI 10 KBPI 11	Unit #2 and Unit #3, Eagle Crest Townhouse Phase 1, Bakakeng Norte Road, Baguio Townhouse Unit – LA – 120 sq. m. /unit & FA – 162 sq. m. /unit; Eagle crest is about 3 km. away from Marcos Highway; Within the vicinity are Tierra Crest Villas, Richmond Estate, Ciudad Grande & Richgate Subdivision; The unit is a 3-level townhouse w/ basement which consists of 2 big BR & 3 T&B.; It is also equipped with fireplace and water supply is substantial.; Public transportation is available within the site.	P 2,000,000.00 each
KBPI 120 KBPI 122	Unit AT-A2 and Unit AT-A8, Amville Court Townhomes, Justice Village Marcos Hi-way Resid. Sec. A, Baguio City Three (3) storey townhouse; Floor Area – 108.00 sq. m. /unit	P 1,500,000.00 each
KBPI 148 KBPI 149	Lot 18 and Lot 19, Blk. 1, Road Lot 4, Hilltop Subdivision, Cabanatuan City Residential improved by a single-storey residential/apartment building and studio-type units. Lot Area – 240 sq. m./lot / Floor Area – 240 sq. m./lot	P 800,000.00 each

AREA VI: Visayas and Mindanao Area

CODE	LOCATION / DESCRIPTION	SELLING PRICE
KBPI 93	No. 28-A Sta. Barbara, Zamboanga City. House & Lot – LA-500 sq. m.; FA-191.70 sq. m. Two (2) adjoining lots with a total area of 500 sq. m. (250 sq. m. per lot), improved by a concrete single-storey residential building with a floor area of 144.27 sq. m. With five (5) bedrooms and two (2) toilet & bathrooms	P 1,000,000.00
KBPI 108	No. 613 Aguho St., Juna Subd., Matina, Davao City Two adjoining lots with a total area of 1,200 sq. m. (600 sq. m. per lot), improved by one (1) storey split level type residential building with a floor area of 352.50 sq. m. With three (3) bedrooms and three (3) toilet & bathrooms. Approximately [illegible] km. from SM City Mall and approximately 200 meters from Mc Arthur Highway, main thoroughfare.	P [illegible]
KBPI 151	Corner Muelle Loney Street, Iloilo City Vacant lot with an area of 914.00 sq. m. Approximately 100 meters southeast of Iznart Street and about 1 km. from Iloilo City Hall.	P 15,000,000.00
KBPI 160	L. J. Ledesma Subdivision, Brgy. Buhang, Jaro, Iloilo City Consisting of 63 vacant residential Lots with an average area of 60 sq. m. Site is approximately 15 minutes drive from the city proper.	P 2,000/sq. m. OR 120,000 per lot
KBPI 182	Brgy. Hagdan, Guintarcan Island, Sta. Fe, Cebu City Vacant agricultural land, 0.61 ha. Consisting of four (4) adjoining lots and is being classified as Agricultural. It is about 600 meters away from Hagdan Elementary School.	P 125,000.00
KBPI 184	Roxas Avenue Extension, Brgy. Andagao, Kalibo, Aklan Two-storey building with a total floor area of approximately 338 sq. m. and a lot area of 543 sq. m.; Former bank branch site	P 14,500,000.00
KBPI 185	Petalsville Subdivision, Brgy. Tabuk Suba, Jaro, Iloilo City Vacant lots with partial developed residential subdivision, consisting of 192 lots with an aggregate area of 48,419 sq. m.; Approximately 400 meters northwest from the national road and about 2 kms. northeast of Municipality of Jaro.	P 800/sq. m. TO 1,000/sq. m.
KBPI 203	Ungka I, Pavia, Iloilo City Vacant lot with an area of 4,000 sq. m.	P 1,200,000.00
KBPI 204	Brgy. Buhang, Jaro, Iloilo City Residential vacant lot with an area of 500 sq. m. Approximately 200 meters from National Highway and about 15 minutes drive from Jaro Plaza	P 550,000.00
KBPI 205	Brgy. Gawahon, Sitio, Padios, Sara, Iloilo City Four (4) adjoining lots mostly utilized as riceland, improved by a split level residential / farm house. About 1.5 kms. from Sara town proper and 95 kms. from Iloilo City	P 3,000,000.00
KBPI 206	Pulik, Zamboanga City Improved by two (2) single storey low-cost buildings, a commercial building, and a five (5) doors boarding house. Approximately situated beside Pulik Parish Church and 7 kms. to the city proper of Zamboanga. Lot Area – 332 sq. m.	P 1,000,000.00

Prices, interest rates and terms are subject to change without prior notice.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1) The BUYER receives and accepts the property on an "AS-IS WHERE-IS" basis. "AS-IS WHERE-IS" basis shall mean that the SELLER makes no warranty as to the quality and physical condition of the property and that the BUYER buys and takes it in the condition that it is found and from the place where it is located, as well as all legal actions and encumbrances on the property that the BUYER knows or ought to know.
2) Buyers are enjoined to personally inspect / Investigate/verify the actual site, condition, and status of the real properties and improvements, if any, and chattels as well as all the documents of ownership with the appropriate Register of Deeds before formally submitting their offers. Buyers are also advised that some of the above properties are subject of on-going litigation proceedings.
3) Properties will be sold on a "FIRST-COME FIRST -SERVE BASIS. The term "first–come, first–serve" shall mean any offer to purchase in cash based on the price indicated herein shall be given first priority. Offer to purchase thru term financing via Bank loan shall be evaluated for management approval.
4) Keppel Bank reserves the right to reject any offer to purchase which are below the price indicated herein. The decision of Keppel Bank is final and binding.

ALL BROKERS ARE WELCOME!

- OTHER KEPPEL PROPERTIES FOR SALE

CODE	LOCATION/DESCRIPTION	SELLING PRICE
KEPLAND 001 KEPLAND 002	Unit 4A (CCT No. 4835) and Unit 6A (CCT No. 4836), LPL Mansions #122 L.P. Leviste Street, Salcedo Village, Makati City Residential Condominium Unit with three (3) bedrooms and four (4) toilet & bathrooms, terrace, maid's quarter, and laundry area. Semi-furnished. It has a designated one (1) parking slot located at the basement: Floor Area - 190 sq.m. / unit	P 6,000,000.00 each
FELS 001	Unit C, 22nd Floor, Goldland Plaza Condominium, No. 8, Eisenhower Street, Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila. Residential Condominium Unit with three (3) bedrooms, three (3) toilet & bathrooms, utility room, maid's room. Semi-furnished. The unit has a designated one (1) parking slot located at the basement: Floor Area - 172.50 sq.m. / CCT No. 6580-R	P 5,200,000.00
FELS 002	Unit 1805, 18th Floor, Parc Chateau Condominium, Onyx corner Sapphire and Garnet Streets, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. Residential Condominium Unit with three (3) bedrooms, four (4) toilets & bathrooms, maid's room, foyer, utility room, and balcony. Semi-furnished. The unit has a designated one (1) parking slot located at the basement, P.S. No. 1 (14.08 sq.m.): Floor Area - 210.14 sq.m. / CCT No. PT-16147	P 5,500,000.00

- Subject to the terms, conditions, and approval of Keppel Bank - Retail Banking Unit.

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

BUSINESS RENTAL

50m² 20T nr St Lukes7225119

90sqm 2Stry w/2CR Kitchen Water Booster & Parking Visayas Ave. QC • 681-9522

MADRIGAL BUSINESS PARK Off Condo 46.4 m² 4 tel T8508789 • 8093449

Office Near Ultra 671-5360

WANTED TO LEASE

PROPERTY OWNERS:
• For Immediate Occupancy •
EXPATS looking for houses in Forbes, Dasma, Urdaneta / condo units in Rockwell, Essensa, Pacific Plaza Tower, One Roxas Triangle
759-4091•750-0127•759-2335•752-2580

TRANSPORTATION FOR SALE

CARS

HONDA

94 ACCORD ALL PWR SNRF 280T RUSH 0917-5350316

97CVIC LXI P340T 6450515

99CVIC VTEC P448T 6450515

HRV '01 S-LD 09178996228

HYUNDAI

99 STAREX P448T 6450515

KIA

KIA PRIDE LX Sedan
97 Model First Owner
Good Condition P110K
Call Gerry 4156501 Office
0917-8421259 Cell

Rush KIA '95 75T 8965474

MITSUBISHI

'95 L200 Pick Up 722-7397

TOYOTA

'96 FX Mega TX 5yrs Line New Ovrhl Paint • 532-2930

TRANSPORTATION FOR SALE

CARS

TOYOTA

'93 GLI M/T 1st Owner
WellKept Silver P#559 NU Tire Mag 225K, #77 Detroit Cubao QC

'96XL 1st OWN •ORIG• 5413430

98 TOYOTA CLOSED VAN P230T Vic/Gigie 8903461 Loc. 27

JEEP/JEEPNEY/AUV

97 ISUZU Alum VAN P170T Vic/Gigie 8903461 loc. 27

OTHER CAR BRANDS

2002 Chevrolet 1600 4DR Sedan Only 6 Months old Save 100K on New Price Offers Over 450K 0916-6248374 or 7182146

★Pajero, Delica, Vans
★Serena, Caravan, Largo
★Lite-Ace, H-Ace, Surf, etc
★Nissan Terrano
★Trucks all models
All units A1 conditioned
No hidden extra cost
Quality convertion
Customer satisfaction guaranteed
ACROSS MARKETING
#40 Sumulong Hiway Mambugan, Antipolo City 6822858 /66/09168209705

Trooper Terrano Pajero Town/ Hi Ace Prado Delica Surf Safari Elf Canter Bongo Porter Suzuki TxPD A1 912-0647 / 0917-8342020

HEAVY EQUIPMENT/ TRANSPORT

ARMOR CAR FOR SALE
6 Wheel Mazda Arm. Car
4 Wheel Land Cruiser Arm.Car
6 Wheel Isuzu Arm. Car w/ Safety Vault , Dual Lock Combiunation, Change Fund Vault, Dual Aircon, Full Accs. Call Ernile 0916-3839707 or Daisy 7337664 Off. Hrs.

TRANSPORTATION FOR SALE

BUSES/TRUCKS

USED GARBAGE TRUCKS
Buy late model WM Inc trucks & equip online. View current offerings at www.salvagesale.com only authorize mktplc for WM equip. lots of 10-30 units available

TRANSPORTATION FOR RENT

CARS FOR RENT

L3•Cars• 9273453 4538295

Starex MB100
Coaster Bus
Call 631-3496 • 637-7396

ABC-CARS & VANS
Starex, Urvan, REVO, L300, HiAce, MB100, Altis, Honda, Cefiro, Lancer, Corolla, Lynx, Corona, Exalta. Mazda, Sentra
Manila H.O. 5368822 / 3039789
Q.C. Br. 426-2278 426-4084

CAR VANS 410-0495

Cars/Vans B-New 8203894

CHEAP VAN 8254058 8261045

FCU CAR RENTAL
U DRIVE OR W/DRIVER
HONDA VAN LANCER
Tel 722-8434 / 722-8438

HI-ACE L-300 9296250

L300 T7411356

MARIAN CARS BRIDAL VANS CSTER 8957247/8969956

P10,500/Wk Vans
MLC Enterprises 9833150

REVO w/driver 9272821

WANTED TO BUY

BUYING USED CARS 8900215

CAR LOAN

1.5 % EasyCarLoan 4000166 -67

1.5% FAST CAR LOAN 7262780

1.5% FAST CAR LOAN 3677523/24

TRANSPORTATION FOR RENT

CAR LOAN

2% w/o Taking Car 8966633

2% w/o Taking Car 7228942/43

2% w/oTaking Car 3646928

2% w/oTaking Car 7221021

2% w/oTaking Car 3732081-82

Loan Ur Car 2yr-3yr 2pay 95Model-Up T656-8096 Boy

GENERAL ITEMS FOR SALE

BAKERY EQUIPMENT

Four (4) Mixer Divider Rounder, Veg Cutter, Dough Mixer, Meat Grinder Call 7159509

ELECTRONIC & INDUSTRIAL EQUIP

HATCHERY CLOSING EQPT. FOR SALE Good Working condition Neg Price #896-2561

Closing 15rolls CVC 20R-LACOST-I Edging Mach 7214226

PETS

Achilles Line Shihtzu Pups 3Mos 10 -12 Thou Vaccine N Paper 4120256

Cocker Spaniel T-3730567

COLLIE PUPS Tel.#645-8344

DALMATIAN PUPS:w/Paper, Shots, Dewormed,Champ BL, P5500(neg) Call: Alex/Cora •941-7486•(0920)2399216•

DOG TRAINER 4528681

J.Spitz w/shots 6394031

Longhaired Guinea Pigs
Call 527-7610

PHILIPPINE DOG SCHOOL
Licensed by the Gov't
Trains Dogs Scientifically
7213736 • 0916-0917-8483181

St. Bernards 09175285305

GENERAL ITEMS FOR SALE

SPORTING GOODS

BILLIARDS P30/33/36/38T A1 Qlty B New 8014494/8020566

WANTED TO BUY

ANY ROLEX
Buy / Sell / Pawn / Repair
Tel# 804-0484 • 834-2886

3TON AIRCON 5338848

B/Sell Educ'l 8061574

BUYING ROLEX
others, High Price CASH 09178142309/7269687/4123543

DFCTIVE TV/COMPO 7325865

Buy/Pawn Diamonds T834-2886

WE BUY AT HIGH PRICE
ROLEX
5633742 5646593 09178473744

WE BUY
GOLD
HIGHEST PRICE
CALL: 8380946 8390060

MISCELLANEOUS

BACKFAT-SLABS
IRENE 5249978

B/SELL FULLY PD EDUC PLAN GIE 780-0106 / 0917-7939632

Owner transferring, Aquarium w/complete accessories for sale, AROWANA, RED GOLD MAL GOLD Neg. Prices #896-2561

PHOROPTOR UNIT set P87T PHOROPTOR HEAD USA P65T at Dra. Ting Optical 3721016

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FEMALE

ACCTG GRAD w/ w/o exp. Computer lit. 7280169 Helen

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FEMALE

F-ESCORT • 0916-4044479

Ofc Asst. 911-7940 Roxy

SECRETARY
College Graduate 21-30 yrs. old Computer Literate 2 yrs. exp. Tel#832-3770 • 832-3611

SECRETARY PAGEMAKER Lit Com Skills T4383935/36/37

X-RAY TECH, Nurse, Physician w/exp. for Industrial Clinic Call at 530-2352/ 302-3181

MALE

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER
w/2-3yrs experience
In a Construction Co.
23-30 y.o. T-7763443 ASAP

MARKETING ASSISTANT
For a leading Security Agency
- Male, 30 to 35 yrs. old
- Good in Oral & Written English
- With Computer Skills
- Able to drive
Send your Resume to P.O. Box 413 Greenhills Post Office 1502 San Juan, MM

TRAILER/ TRACTOR Driver 25-45 yrs. old & above w/ 3yrs exp in driving heavy good vhcle, High Sch Grad. w/ good Moral Char. Bring bio-data. Apply in person 26 Don Pepe St. corner Tirad Pass (3rd St. from Sto. Domingo Church) Q.C.CALL: 731-1033

WANTED LAWYER
Bar Passer, w/ Experience in Crim. Litigation, Labor & Collection Cases Full Time P.O. Box 413 Greenhills Post Office 1502 San Juan, MM

MALE/FEMALE

URGENT OFC PERSONNEL
18/45 w w/o exp direct Hiring
Call Ms Daisy 4216507

APPLY DIRECT! OFC. CLERK! START ASAP! 6395036 DITAS

Building Manager
Look for Ms. Sen Villanueva at 527-1560 or 7448

URGENT NEEDED
24 OFFICE PERSONNEL
for New Branches

- Male/Female
- 18 -40 years old
- College grad/level, any course
- Willing to be trained with pay

Apply in person
• Look for KRISTINE, HRD •
Rm 4. 2/F Muñoz Plaza Bldg
Edsa cor. Roosevelt Avenue
Muñoz, Quezon City
Clip this ad to Resumé/Biodata

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MALE/FEMALE

FREE CARE GIVER SEMINAR 5614990 5638009

★URGENT OFC STAF 18-45★ W/WO EXP 9121488 PEACHY

★Urgent Office Staff can work Immed. 4370454 Elsa

MEDICAL, COMP, AB, BA, ENGR MAIL RESUME: JOY NOLASCO 821Q GALICIA SAMP. MLA.

OFC STAFF 09202470113 Cindy

OFC STAFF 9134470 Ms. ANG

OFC STF 09194639391 OLGA

• PROMO •
F-5'2"/M-5'6".College Level,
Speaks Engish,
Pampanga & Cainta Area
8501599 Look for Ms. Gena

SALES LADY 7230680 OR 2737

Staff w/Exp. for Salon SPA & Barista for Cafe 645-2231

PUBLIC NOTICES

ANNOUNCEMENT

House&Lot For Sale 4470211

Need Realty Broker 4470211

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Adult wear consign 3738821

Business w/Travel 0916-0306017

Calling All Networkers /Network Leaders All Over Phils. A New Company to Launch In Oct. Position Now •Call/Text (0918)3224467•

Wanted Immediately

SALES REPRESENTATIVE

1) Single, Male/Female not more than 30 yrs. old
2) With good communication skills and pleasing personality
3) Hardworking, aggressive, honest and determined to make a career in sales
4) Preferably with interior design background
5) Marketing or business graduate from a reputable school

Due to the urgency, please email your resumé to:
artecana@pacific.net.ph
or call tel. nos. 983-0923 / 930-1288

PUBLIC NOTICES

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

BUYING HANDMADE SMOCKING DRESSES 4 WHOLESALE/EXPORT CALL CARING 6461764

CANDLEMAKING 8298356

TRAVEL N EARN FR HOME 8531008 09178901851 earn-and-travel.com

EARN MORE THAN 50T/MO WHILE WE TRAIN AT PHILAMLIFE CALL RUBEN 5227098 RUBY 9301861 THERESA 9367086 CEL 09183338954

FIRST IN THE PHILS.
Inkko Instant Rubber Stamp Machine Easy to Operate Big Profit Latest Key Duplicator Also Available CALL: 854-2183 851-2827

I MAKE P500,000.00/mo
Needs Women To Train 23-48yrs.old
• Tel # 525-0234 •

I MAKE P500,000.00/mo
Needs Women To Train 23-48yrs old w/Serious Exp. in Mktg. Mngt. Banking & Finance • Tel # 525-0234 •

No Money? 0916-8529037

PART-TIME WORK
8-15T/MO; 2-4HRS./DAY
MS. JULIA 645-9267

Secure Ur Financial Future Singaporeans looking for business partners to market unique product fron. France 0917-3316689

St Paul PSG Vendo Optr Lung 0917-7037025 • 8234011

Water Business? Call Emily 800-0260 / 0910-8303562

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Singapore Businessman Looking For Philippine Business Partners to Start a Franchise Business For a Unique French Product.Pls Call 09205077177 or E-mail info@macrocom.com.sg For Details

WEEK-END MRKT.
AT ROXAS BLVD.
START: OCT. 12, P200/day
Hall8, Phil. Trade Center
Roxas Blvd. (across DFA)
Inquire at D Site
or Call Tel# 4101782
0917-8400026

Work By Phone, Earn Up 2
P1000/Day
P/F! 25-55 y.o.
5308112

WORK ON THE PHONE MAKATI MLA CAVITE CEBU PART/FULL TIME UP TO P20,000/MO (02)870-443 (046)471-1929

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is given that estate of the late LORENZO B. PINLAC was extrajudicially settled by and among his heirs as per Doc. 186 Page 39 Book III Series 2002 before Notary Public Edgar T. Tabila of QC. PDI-Sept 8, 15 & 22, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late THELMA N. IGNACIO was extrajudicially settled among her heirs as per Doc#18; Page#5; Book XXX; Series of 2002.
(PDI-Sept 8, 15 & 22, 2002)

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late MARIANO V. BELEN has been extrajudicially settled per Doc 10 Page 3 Bk IV Series 2002 of Notary Public Atty. Juanito Glori of Quezon City (PDI-Sept. 8, 15 & 22,2002)

WARM
PERSONAL
DIGNIFIED
The choice of the country's most discriminating families over the last
102 YEARS
NACIONAL
MEMORIAL
HOMES
Tel. Nos. 713-5231 to 35 • Direct Lines 714-0867 to 68
Fax No. 714-0865

OBITUARIES

RATE
P230 per column centimeter
(All prices exclusive of E-VAT)

DEADLINE
for reservations / cancellations / corrections
Monday to Sunday
12:00 noon
Day before publication

Hon. Manuel Penaflorida Parcon
"Quedo"

The Lord gave him the gift of life on December 1, 1934
A Dynamic Leader to his constituents, he selflessly gave himself to public service for 42 years.
He peacefully joined his Creator in the state of grace on September 3, 2002.

Municipal Councilor, Municipality of Pototan, Iloilo 1959 - 1963
Mayor, Municipality of Pototan, Iloilo, 1964 - 1986, 1988 - 1998, 2001 - 2002
Congressman, Third District Province of Iloilo, 1998 - 2001

His loving wife **Naida Paclibar**; adopted daughter, **Maychelle Ann**;
Sisters **Leonidas P. Cordero**, **Tersita P. Lazaro** (†); brother **Fernando Jr.** (†);
In-laws **Enrique Lazaro** (†), **Gregorio Cordero** (†);
Nephews and nieces **Ferdinand Cordero**, **Joey** and **Nancy Cordero**,
Rosario and **Cerie del Rosario** and **Bernie Cordero**,
Maricor Lazaro, **Rosarie Lazaro**, **John** and **Rachel Lazaro**,
Francis and **Edna May Lazaro**, and **Hadi Lazaro**;
Grandchildren **Fiona Lazaro** and **Thea del Rosario**.

He lies in state at the family residence, San Jose Street, Pototan, Iloilo.
He will be laid to his final rest on September 21, 2002 at the
Pototan Catholic Cemetery after the 8:00 AM Mass at the
St. Joseph Parish Church, Pototan, Iloilo.

"Relatives and friends are requested to pray for the eternal rest of his soul."

"No eye has seen, nor earheard, nor the heart of the amn conceived,
what God has prepared for those love him." 1 Corinthian 2:9

In lieu of flowers, donations to Manuel "Quedo" Parcon Foundation are most welcome...

Please contact JOEY CORDERO at Cel. No. 0918-9241173

DR. CARMEN CAMPOS ZITA

Widow of **Engr. Tomas Turla Zita** (†)

May 9, 1902 - September 7, 2002
Bauang, La Union - Pasig City

Our beloved Mama passed away peacefully
at the age of 100. She had dedicated her life to us.
In good times and in bad times,
she was our constant source of strength.

In deep gratitude **Alegria Campos Zita**, **Bella & Jose Mabanta**, **Carmen & Fred Gozum**, **Lucia & Doming Cepeda**, **Milagros & Drix Rodriguez**, **Rosario & Steve Aguilar**, **Zenaida & Dieter Relchert**, and **Tom & Kathy Zita**.

With 20 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and her two living sisters **Felicula C. Gatmaitan** and **Julita C. Benedicto** request your prayers.

Her remains lie in state at Capilla San Francisco Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, September 10, 2002 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Dr. Jose P. Rizal Memorial Foundation, Inc. will be appreciated.

IN LOVING MEMORY
of

RUBEN FAMY ALVAREZ

On the 15th Anniversary of His Passage to Eternal Life

Holy Masses will be offered for him today at the following Churches:

Our Lady of Grace Parish, Grace Park, Caloocan City	5:00 a.m.
St. Andrew The Apostle Church, Bel-Air II, Makati City	6:00 a.m.
Holy Family Parish, Brgy. San Isidro, Makati City	6:00 a.m.
St. Peter & St. Paul Parish, Poblacion, Makati City	6:00 a.m.
National Shrine of the Sacred Heart, San Antonio Village, Makati City	6:00 a.m.
St. John Bosco Parish, Arnaiz Street, Makati City	6:00 a.m.
San Ildefonso Parish, Pio del Pilar, Makati City	6:30 a.m.
Santuario de San Antonio Parish, Forbes Park, Makati City	6:30 a.m.
St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori Parish, Magallanes Village, Makati City	7:00 a.m.
St. Louis College Chapel, Carlatan, San Fernando City, La Union	8:30 a.m.
San Nicolas de Tolentino Parish, Congressional Village, Quezon City	8:30 a.m.
Our Lady of Annunciation Parish, Mindanao Avenue Extension, Quezon City	10:00 a.m.
St. Jude Parish, Poro, San Fernando City, La Union	5:00 p.m.

We request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

An obituary with a picture can be a fitting tribute to your departed loved one.

Always caring...
INQUIRER
OBITUARIES

OBITUARY REQUIREMENTS:
❶ Copy of Death Certificate
❷ Any identification document (I.D.)

WE ACCEPT
CREDIT CARDS
and bank-to-bank payments

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT
MESSAGE OF THANKS
DEATH ANNIVERSARY
REQUIEMS
FREE OBIT DESIGN

"...absent with the body to be present with the Lord." Matthew 10:39

YORK
YORK CASKETS are crafted in the United States to provide each family the highest standards of quality, design and value. The extensive selection of styles, colors, materials and interiors provides a fitting tribute to your departed loved ones

... because they deserve only the best.

*For more information, please call your funeral director.

RIP

BEATA FALLARME FAIGMANI

Born 28 May 1918
Died 21 August 2002

of Sibali, Romblon at 83 years old

"THE FIRST ELECTED LADY COUNCILOR FOR TWO TERMS."

Survived by only brother **Atty. Alfonso P. Fallarme**; and daughters-in-law **Cristita Faigmani, Elvie Faigmani**; son-in-law **Teodoro Baterina**; granddaughters **Victoria Famarin, Baby Endoma, Priselle Faigmani**; grandsons **Niño Faigmani** and **Joey Faigmani**.

An obituary with a picture can be a fitting tribute to your departed loved one.

INQUIRER OBITUARIES

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT •
MESSAGE OF THANKS •
DEATH ANNIVERSARY •
REQUIEMS •
FREE OBIT DESIGN

For the needs of your departed Loved Ones, the following establishments can help you.

ARLINGTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL
12 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City
Tels. 715-1025, 715-1031; 715-1027
ARLINGTON EAST THE GARDEN CHAPELS
C. Raymundo St. cor. Mercedes Ave.,
San Miguel Ave., Pasig City
Tels. 747-8599; 747-8609 • Telefax 641-1760
AUREA QUIOGUE FUNERAL HOMES
243 A.B. Fernandez Ave., Dagupan City, Pangasinan
Tels. (0785) 522-3451, 522-2128, (0917) 434-9976
CAPITOL MEMORIAL CHAPELS INC.
1305 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City
Tel 732-0309; 732-1095
CEBU ROLLING HILLS MEMORIAL CHAPELS INC.
Cebu Branch: A.S. Fortuna Street, Banilad,
Mandaue City, Cebu
Tels 346-2543, 346-2601
COSMOPOLITAN FUNERAL HOMES, INC.
Nivel Hills, Lahug, Cebu City
Tels. 231-0721; 231-3192
COSMOPOLITAN FUNERAL HOMES, INC.
Camus Ext. cor. J. Abad Santos, Davao City
Tels (082) 227-1201; 227-1258
DAYAO FUNERAL HOME
#2 Bayani St., Galas, Quezon City
Tels. 740-2683; 781-3705, 781-3688, 413-9400; 715-5594
DALLUAY MEMORIAL SERVICES
#42 Upper Kalaklan, Olongapo City
Tels. (047) 222-3605; (047) 811-1086; (047) 222-4512;
(047) 224-2014
DON BOSCO CHAPELS
Pasay Road, Makati City; Tel 894-5932 to 34
DULCE MEMORIAL SERVICES
Jose Abad Santos Ave. cor. Dinalupihan St., Manuguit, Manila
Tels. 712-5102; 741-5125; 741-5133; Fax No. 711-3064
FLORESCO FUNERAL HOME
219 Gen. Luna St., Concepcion, Malabon, Metro Manila
Tels 2812963, 2813034; 2810522
FUNERARIA PANGILINAN
Santo Entierro cor P. Burgos St., Lourdes Sur, Angeles City
Tels. (045) 888-2959 ; (045) 322-5247
PAKET SANTIAGO MEMORIAL HOMES
13 V. Gomez St., San Roque, Marikina City
Tels 646-1725, 646-1730
FUNERARIA ANGEL QUIOGUE
No. 67 Pasig Boulevard Extension, Pasig City
Tels. 641-7909; 641-1735
M. Almeda St., Pateros, Metro Manila
Tels 642-3010; 633-3602
FUNERARIA FILIPINAS
187 Real St., Zapote Alabang, Las Piñas
Tels. 873-0507, 873-0024
FUNERARIA FILIPINAS
865 J.P. Rizal St., Poblacion, Makati City
Tels 890-3556, 899-8191
FUNERARIA TUASON
Poblacion, San Miguel, Bulacan 3011
Tels. (044) 764-0281; 678-0266, (0917) 895-0603
FUNERARIA SAMSON
145 Bayan Luma, Imus, Cavite
Tels. (046) 471-3375, 471-2675
GARDEN OF MEMORIES MEMORIAL PARK
Calsadang Bago, Pateros, Metro Manila
Tels 642-6181 to 82
HERITAGE PARK
Bayani Road, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila
Tels. (DL) 845-2341 to 42, (TL) 845-2334 to 38 loc. 110/112
HOLY TRINITY MEMORIAL CHAPELS
Sucat, Parañaque City; Tels 825-1296, 825-1291
LA FUNERARIA LAWRENCE BAQUIRAN
#27 Crisologo St., Vigan, Ilocos Sur
Tel 722-2730, Cell (0917) 5680136; (0917) 5680145
Manila #23 Pato St., Project 2, Quezon City; Tel 434-3258
LA FUNERARIA PAZ, INC.
1501 C.M. Recto Ave cor T. Mapua, Manila
Tels. 711-6931 to 35, 732-4795, 732-2827
LA FUNERARIA PAZ, INC.
143 G. Araneta Ave. cor. Kaliraya St., Quezon City
Tels. 749-3806 to 11, 712-3001; 743-6502 or 05
LA FUNERARIA PAZ, INC.
Dr. A. Santos Ave., Sucat, Parañaque
Tels 820-1592; 825-9947; 825-8635
LA FUNERARIA PAZ, INC.
79 Naguilian Rd., Baguio City
Tel. (074) 443-3337, (074) 442-3117
LA FUNERARIA SAPINOSO
G. Tirona St., Imus, Cavite
Tels. (046) 471-3386, (046) 471-4417, (046) 571-1978
LOYOLA MEMORIAL CHAPELS
EDSA cor. Bernardino St., Guadalupe, Makati City
Tels 895-1011 to 19
LOYOLA MEMORIAL PARK CHAPELS & CREMATORY SERVICES
Loyola Memorial Park, A. Bonifacio Avenue, Tañong, Marikina City
Tels. 941-3196 to 98, 941-3676, Telefax 941-3577
MARIAN MEMORIAL CHAPELS
Marcos Hiway, Antipolo, Rizal
Tels 645-1855 682-0209, 682-0210
MT. SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL
Arellano St., Dagupan City
Tels. (075) 515-5960, 515-6529, 522-8783, (0919) 348-7131
NACIONAL MEMORIAL HOMES
264 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City
Tels 713-5231 to 35, 714-0867, 714-0888
POPULAR MEMORIAL CHAPELS, INC.
214 Rizal Ave., Sta. Cruz, Manila
Tel Nos 254-0887, 254-0839
ROLLING HILLS MEMORIAL CHAPELS INC.
Ground Flr Rolling Hills Chapel, 27th-Lacson St.,
Mandalagan, Bacolod City, Tel 433-7132
RIZAL FUNERAL HOMES
438 Cementina St., Pasay City, Tels 831-1204
Sucat Branch 8187 Dr. A. Santos Ave., Sucat, Parañaque City
Tels 826-1376, 826-9882, (0915) 712-1220
SANTUARIO DE SAN ANTONIO PARISH
Forbes Park, Makati City
Tel Nos 843-8838/30, Fax No 843-9223
SANTUARIO DE SAN JOSE PARISH
East Greenhills, Mandaluyong City
Telefax 724-4139, 725-2044
ST. ALPHONSUS MARY DE LIGOURI PARISH
Magallanes Village, Makati City
Tels 852 8228 852-7284
ST. MARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL
16-15 G. Tuazon cor Loreto St., Sampaloc, Manila
Tels 749-3670, 781-1772
ST. PETER FUNERAL HOMES
206 Quezon Ave., Quezon City
Tels 372-5084 410-9286/87
VERONICA MEMORIAL HOMES
Official NBI Morgue 517-A Arnaiz St., Pasay City
Tels 831-3797 844-7846 843-1801 845-4836
WELINGTON FUNERAL SERVICES
1511 Gen. Luna St., Paco, Manila
Tels. 522-8846; 522-9438, 400-5394

"Eternal life will swallow up that which can die. God made us for this very reason and He has given us the Spirit as a guarantee that we will live again."
2 Corinthians 5:4-5

EVELYN "LY" ROSETE-DACANAY

of Paoay, Ilocos Norte

Peacefully joined her Creator at 5:15 a.m. on September 6, 2002 at the age of 50.

Her loving husband **Atty. Cesar Dacanay**; daughter **Pristine Luz**; father **Atty. Pacifico BP Rosete**; brothers-in-law **Major Pacifico S. Rosete Jr., Mr. Noel S. Rosete Sr. & Judge Maxwel S. Rosete**; sisters-in-law **Marilyn, Lualhati & Emeline**; brothers and sisters-in-law **Perfecto** and **Agnes Macasaquit, Raul** and **Edith, Gloria, Pacita**; and nieces and nephews, relatives and friends mourn her passing away and request the pious readers to pray for the eternal peace of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at La Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Thursday, September 12, 2002 at Himlayang Pilipino Memorial Park, Tandang Sora, Quezon City at 8:00 AM.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

We, the family of the late

JOSE OCAMPO ESCALER

wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincerest appreciation to all those who offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy, and who, in countless ways, condoled with and comforted us in our hour of bereavement.

HOLY GARDENS MEMORIAL PARK

Helping in the Grief of Many People
www.holygardens.com

INTERMENT NOTICE

Name	Date of Interment	Time	Place of Interment	Place of Wake
ROSARIO P. GONZAGA	September 8	9:00 AM	Holy Gardens Matutum Memorial Park, Polomolok South Cotabato	Sulit, Polomolok, South Cotabato
ENRIQUE R. ARONALES	September 8	9:00 AM	Holy Gardens Matutum Memorial Park, Polomolok South Cotabato	Silway 8, Polomolok South Cotabato
LEONA C. GOMEZ	September 8	1:00 PM	Holy Gardens Matutum Memorial Park, Polomolok South Cotabato	#226 Adelfa Street, Polomolok South Cotabato
PEDRO U. ESLAVA	September 10	8:00 AM	Holy Gardens La Union Memorial Park San Fernando City, La Union	Brgy IV, San Fernando City La Union

ANNOUNCEMENT:

1. We will be on web by September 1, 2002
2. Visit our Website and can do any of the following:
   a. virtual tour of all the site
   b. obituary
   c. biography of the interred for the last 60-90 days
   d. mass offering and condolences
3. Later
   a. sales and documents through the web
   b. lot inquiry

IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED

VICENTE "TENG" G. PUYAT

Visionary, Patriot, Christian

On his 10th Death Anniversary today, 08 September 2002

A BUSINESSMAN'S PRAYER

Lord, let me earn my profit but never at somebody else's expense.

Let me produce goods or render service animated always by that divine spark of creativity that comes from You, the Creator.

Let me toil not like a beast of burden, but like a son of God whose sweat of brow comes from both weary shoulders and aching head because I used that intelligence which is born from that Divine mind and that strength which carried the cross to that distant hill.

Lord, give me Faith to never stop trying to improve things and the belief that I can always better the lot of my Brother through a smile or a word or even a wish.

Lord, give me the patience to persevere in hardships. And to thank you when things go well and, in humility, to call out Your name when I stumble.

And in the end, as the last contract is sealed and when the last check is cancelled, let me have the grace to say that Thy will was done—as I shed off the business and all the business of my pilgrim's world.

Teng G. Puyat

To those who remember, our thanks.
To those who pray, our prayers are also with you.

Our Dearly Beloved

Montano Luna Diaz, Sr.

FORMER: **Quezon City Treasurer**
Nueva Ecija Provincial Treasurer
Cabanatuan City Treasurer

Peacefully joined our Lord on August 30, 2002 at the age of 73, in Daly City, U.S.A.

His loving wife **Tina**; children **Jun & Ana, Bong & Susan, Anoy & Tess, Liza & Jun, Eve & Ric, Jess & Joyet**, and **Grace**; grandchildren **Tintin, Chino, Ken, Bokbok, Binggoy, Bogsy, Kulo, Tonton, Patet, Plapla, Joy, Miko, Michael** and **Jeko**; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Diaz residence, 118 Clamonte Street corner G. Diaz Street, Aduas Centro, Cabanatuan City.

Interment is on Thursday, September 12, 2002 at the Cabanatuan City Public Cemetery, after the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Nicholas de Tolentine Cathedral, Del Pilar Street, Cabanatuan City.

"For God so loved the world, the He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

JULIANA B. LAZARO

of Solano, Nueva Vizcaya

Retired College Instructor, Saint Mary's University
Retired Principal, High School, Saint Mary's University

Peacefully joined her Creator on September 7, 2002 at the age of 74.

Her loving husband **VICTORINO**; children **ANNIE, MARGIE, GIGI, SUSIE & HEDWIG**; sons-in-law **GELO, TONY & BERNARD**; daughter-in-law **ANN**; grandchildren **SAM, OWIE, MIKAN, VANA, JOLO & PATTY**; brother **ALFONSO**; sister **LOURDES**; relatives and friends mourn her passing away and request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Arlington Memorial Chapels, 12 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

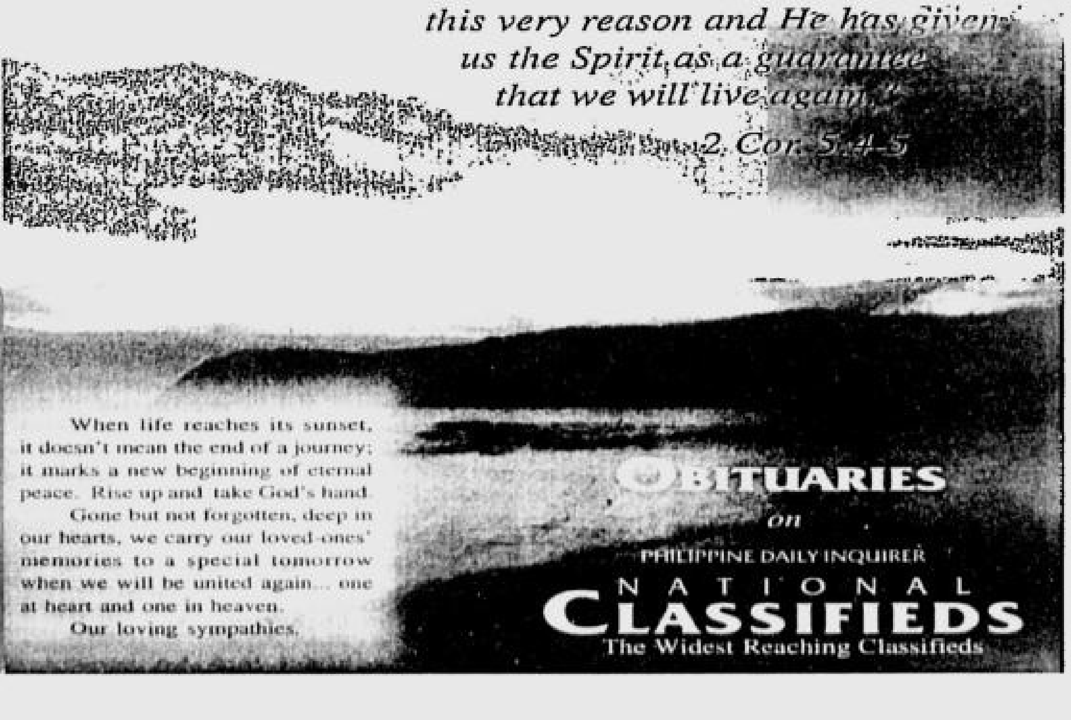
Cremation will be on Wednesday, September 11, 2002 at the Loyola Memorial Park Crematorium, Marikina City.

OBITUARY REQUIREMENTS:

① Copy of Death Certificate
② Any identification document (I.D.)

WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS
and bank-to-bank payments

"Eternal life will swallow up that which can die. God made us for this very reason and He has given us the Spirit as a guarantee that we will live again."
2. Cor. 5:4-5



When life reaches its sunset, it doesn't mean the end of a journey; it marks a new beginning of eternal peace. Rise up and take God's hand.

Gone but not forgotten, deep in our hearts, we carry our loved-ones' memories to a special tomorrow when we will be united again... one at heart and one in heaven.

Our loving sympathies.

How to live on dog food.

Now Franchising!

At The Pet Pantry we've created a complete, well-balanced franchise opportunity that appeals to your standard of living, as well as your quality of life.

The ingredients:

- high margins / no royalties
- turnkey system
- protected territories
- unsurpassed corporate support
- an exclusive line of natural pet food

All in a field valued at more than a hundred million pesos. And all for an investment of only a few hundred thousand pesos.

For more information, call 926-4777 or go on-line at www.thepetpantry.com

The Pet Pantry.

Nutrition you can trust. Service you can depend on.™

NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION

Diliman, Quezon City

INVITATION TO BID

"AS-IS-WHERE-IS"
for the SALE of

UNUSED NPC TUGBOAT "MV MASINLOC"

DATE OF BIDDING: SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

The National Power Corporation will receive sealed bids on an "AS-IS-WHERE-IS" basis for the tugboat described below:

ITEM DESCRIPTION		LOCATION
One (1) unit Unused Tugboat, 3000 PS, Acquired in 1998, "MV Masinloc"		Naga, Cebu
Length (Overall, without rubber fender/sheat)	: 33.30 meter (approx.)	
Breadth (molded)	: 9.20 meter	
Depth (molded)	: 3.90 meter	
Designed Load Draught (molded)	: 2.90 meter	
Gross Tonnage (international)	: 310.00 tons	
Loading Capacity	: 80.00 tons (approximate)	
MAIN DIESEL ENGINES		
Make	: Mitsubishi	
No. of Units	: 2 units	
No. of Cylinder	: 6 cylinders	
Max. Continuous Output	: 1500 PS @ 1150 rpm	
Normal Output	: 1350 PS @ 1110 rpm	

Interested eligible bidders may obtain bidding documents upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Five Thousand Pesos (PhP 5,000.00) at the Office of the Asset Disposal Project (ADP), Third Floor, Building No. 1, National Power Corporation, Quezon Avenue corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines.

Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives at 2:00 PM on **SEPTEMBER 24, 2002** at the NPC Solarium, NPC Head Office. Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond of not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of bid. The Power Sector Asset and Liabilities Management (PSALM) Corporation have concurred with the bidding process and clearance for the disposal was duly approved.

NPC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, to waive any required informality, and to accept such bids that is most advantageous to the Government.

Additional information may be obtained from Asset Disposal Project office at telephone nos. 922-3970, and 921-3541 loc. 5582.

(Sgd.) **LEVI C. ARABELO**
Manager, ADP & BNPP and Chairman
Task Force for the Disposal of Tugboat MV Masinloc

(PDI – Sep. 6, 7 & 8, 2002)

Office of the President

PHILIPPINE RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

(PhilRice)
Central Experiment Station
Science City of Muñoz
Nueva Ecija

INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY AND TO BID

All interested parties are hereby invited to prequalify for the 1. Construction of the Seed Health Laboratory, and 2. Construction of the Biotechnology Laboratory, and 3. 3 Dr. apt. at the Central Experiment Station of PhilRice, Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija. Application for prequalification is extended to Filipino contracting firms with valid license issued by PCAB of at least "Category A" and "Medium A" for General Building (for projects 1, 2) and "Cat B small B" for the 3-Dr Apt (local contractors only) Financial capacity, good track record, and specialty of office buildings and laboratories are required for all interested parties.

Prequalification Documents shall be available for issuance during office hours from **September 10, 2002** to **September 12, 2002** at the Internal Audit Office, Office of the Deputy Executive Director for Administration, PhilRice, Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija. All are required to submit a letter of intent addressed to the PhilRice Director, and presentation of the original, unexpired PCAB license. Representatives of the contractors must present a notarised attorney-in fact authorizing him/her to represent the company in obtaining the forms. Prequalification forms shall be released upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P500.00. Submission of accomplished Pre-C forms shall not be later than 5:00 p.m., **September 19, 2002** at the same office and address.

Only pre-qualified applicants shall be invited to participate in the biddings.

PhilRice reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reasons, waive any required formality therein, and to make an award to the bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.

Additional information shall be furnished upon notice of prequalification.

(Sgd.) **LEOCADIO S. SEBASTIAN**
Executive Director

(PDI - Aug 30, 31, Sept. 7 & 8, 2002)

TENDER

SEALED BID SALE

CENTRALIZED AIRCONDITIONING SYSTEM; WATER COOLING SYSTEM; ELECTRICALS, ETC.

IN OVER 40 LOTS INCLUDING:-

AIRCONDITIONING SYSTEM - (5) LEURA 10T cap. Package Type Air Conditioning System
WATER COOLING SYSTEM - 50TR Package Chiller w/ cap. to deliver 27.3m³ at 12 bars w/ (2) 25TR Air Cooled Condensers; (2) 15 hp Chilled Water Pumps
AIR COMPRESSORS - (2) INGERSOLL RAND Model 55R - EP30 Screw Type Air Compressor 125psig cap.; INGERSOLL RAND RS Air Dryer
ELECTRICAL - WESCOR 800kva Dry Type Transformer; PHILTRANS DT 112.5 kva Dry Type Transformer; G.E. 200 amps Powerbreak Control Panel; MITSUBISHI 1500 amps Control Panel w/ 6 Breakers; Asstd. Breakers; Capacitors, Timers, etc.
MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT - Galvanized Ductings; 2T cap. Electric Hoist; Exhaust Fans/Fan Blades, Air Receiver Tank; Stainless Steel Mobile Tables; Wooden Cabinets; Large Qty. Of Carton Boxes, Cleaning Chemicals, etc.

AT: 143 M.H. DEL PILAR ST., TUGATOG, MALABON
ON VIEW: THURSDAY 12TH & FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2002
TENDERS DUE: SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2002 - 12:00NOON

HENRY BUTCHER
Gobindustry

HENRY BUTCHER INTERNATIONAL PHILS. INC.
102 Ground Floor, Jolliland Bldg., 670 EDSA, Pasay City
Tel: (63-2)-852 2910 * 11 Fax: (63-2)-831-9607
E-mail: manila@henrybutcher.com

www.henrybutcher.com

Your career might only be a click of the mouse away.

JOB ONLINE

Read it every Sunday with the Philippine Daily Inquirer and visit it online at www.jobmarketonline.com

---

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

FOR SALE

Chinese Restaurant's
Rights and Goodwill,
Equipments
located along busy
M. Adriatico Street
Malate, Manila
For inquiry please call:
Tel. Nos. 740-2873/74 or
Cel No. 0918-9280928
Look for Daniel

Calling
ALL SERIOUS Network Marketers!
UNIQUE and CONSUMABLE
Air Management
Product from France.
Actively expanding
into 13 countries.
Huge Potential and
Long Term Growth.
Special Preview by
Singapore Trainer till
12 September 2002.
Call 0916-5855360

Powerful Franchise dealing with state-of-the-art Air Pollution Management
Young and growing
Singapore Company
exponentially expanded
to 13 Countries in 4 years.
Looking for dynamic
partners in Manila to
expand internationally.
Low Capital and Risk with
Training and Support
provided.
Come for limited period
FREE preview call:
0916591-2035 or
0916-591-2036 to book
limited seats.

Philippine Overseas Employment Administration

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Labor & Employment
POEA Bldg., Ortigas Avenue cor. EDSA, Mandaluyong City
P.O. Box 4061, Manila
Tel 722-1142 to 99 • Fax No 722-1159
Website address: http//www.agfe.com/poea
E-mail address: poea_adm@compass.com.ph
poea_adp@compass.com.ph

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 11

(Series of 2002)

TO : ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : Guidelines on the Deployment of Filipino Healthcare Workers and Other Categories of Workers to Ireland

In line with the objective of establishing appropriate mechanism in the deployment of Filipino workers to Ireland, the following guidelines are hereby issued:

I. Coverage

1. Filipino healthcare professionals registered with Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) may qualify for deployment in hospitals, nursing homes and other similar institutions in Ireland.
2. Healthcare workers who are not registered with PRC but have experience in healthcare institutions may qualify for deployment in hospitals, nursing homes and other similar institutions.
3. All other workers belonging to job categories where Collective or Employment Agreements exist which clearly stipulate the salary rates and the working conditions, as registered by the Labour Court of Ireland. The job categories that shall be initially allowed for deployment include the following:
    a. Health Sector: Doctors, Physiotherapists, Medical Technicians, Dentists, Veterinary Doctors
    b. IT Sector: Professionals/Technicians
    c. Hotel and Catering: Managers/Chefs
    d. Construction Sector: Professionals/Craftsmen
    e. Aviation Sector: Maintenance Engineers/Technicians

II. Verification of Recruitment Documents

1. Government and private medical institutions (hospital, nursing homes and other similar institutions) and licensed employment service providers/placement organization in Ireland recruiting healthcare workers and other categories of workers for the said country shall have the following recruitment documents verified by the Philippine Overseas Labor Office in Ireland:

1.1 For government and private hospitals/nursing homes and other institutions/companies which act as direct employers of workers.

a. Special Power of Attorney in favor of the Philippines agency which has undergone notarization by a Commission of Oaths and legalization by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in Ireland.
b. Manpower Request of the employer indicating the position, volume of requirements, and salary which has undergone notarization by the Commission of Oaths and legalization by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in Ireland. In the case of nurses, the position of staff nurse should be indicated together with the salary during the period of supervised practice and upon registration with the An Bord Altranais.
c. Master employment contract signed by the authorized representatives of the employer, which has undergone notarization by the Commission of Oaths and legalization by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) which incorporates the employment standards prescribed by the Administration.

However, in the case of nurses, the employment contract should stipulate the following provisions:

- Position of staff nurse during the period of supervised practice and upon registration with the An Bord Altranais.
- Basic salary of not lower than the prevailing rate for Student Nurse 3 (IR£14,190 per annum as of 1 October 2001) during the period of supervised practice. Immediately upon full registration with An Bord Altranais, the following rates shall be paid:
  For government hospitals: step 1 of the prevailing rate for Staff Nurse (IR£17,894 per annum as of 1 October 2001) plus an appropriate increment based on the nurse's experience.
  For private nursing homes: step 1 of the prevailing rate of Staff Nurse (IR£17,894 per annum as of 1 October 2001).
- The weekly working hours shall be as follows:
  For government institutions: 39 hours; over this shall be treated as overtime.
  For private nursing homes: 40 hours; over this shall be treated as overtime.
- Premiums for overtime, work on public holidays and work on night duty shall be compensated in accordance with Irish employment laws or any prevailing Collective or Registered Employment Agreements or Industry Practice, whichever is most beneficial to the employee.
  Sunday premiums shall be compensated as follows:
  For government institutions: premium is 100%
  For private nursing homes: premium shall be in accordance with Irish employment laws, but in no case lower than 25%.
- The period of supervised practice shall not be more than six weeks, the cost of which shall be borne by the employer and/or the Irish Department of Health. In cases where an academic teaching hospital conducts supervised practice for the employee, the employer shall assume responsibility for any liability that may arise as a result of grievances raised by the nurses during the period of supervised practice.
- Nurses who did not qualify for registration with the An Bord Altranais shall be repatriated, the cost of which shall be charged to the employers. Salaries and benefits of the nurse during the supervised practice shall be given upon the nurses' repatriation.
- Payment of nurses' airfares to and from Ireland by the employer. Cost of ticket should not be subject to refund by the nurses.
- Repatriation of the nurses' remains and property to the country of origin, in case of death, at the foreign principal's expense.
- Just causes for termination
- Contract period is two (2) years
- Applicability of Irish laws.

d. In the case of nurses, authority to conduct supervised practice from the An Bord Altranais or certification from the Dublin Academic Training Hospitals (DATHs) or other academic training hospitals outside Dublin that said hospital/nursing home is accredited to use their training facilities.
e. As applicable, business license/registration/articles of incorporation or equivalent document.

1.2 For employment service providers/placement organization in Ireland:

a. Special Power of Attorney in favor of the Philippine agency which has undergone notarization by a Commission of Oaths and legalization by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in Ireland.
b. Manpower Request of the employment service provider/placement organization indicating the position, volume of requirements and salary has undergone notarization by the Commission of Oaths and legalization by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in Ireland. In support of the manpower request, the job order of the client employer issued to the employment service provider/placement organization should be appended to the above cited document.
c. Master employment contract of the client employer which has undergone notarization by the Commission of Oaths and legalization by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in Ireland which incorporates the employment standards prescribed by the Administration.

In the case of nurses, all the provisions of item II.1.1.c for contracts shall apply

d. In the case of nurses, authority to conduct supervised practice issued by the An Board Altranais or certification from the Dublin Academic Training Hospitals (DATHs) or other academic training hospitals outside Dublin that said hospital/nursing home is accredited to use their training facilities.
e. Business license/registration/articles of incorporation or equivalent document, if applicable

III. Registration of Principals

All verified documents shall be submitted to the POEA through the licensed agency for registration of the principal.

Registration of the principal shall be valid for a maximum of 4 years, unless sooner revoked or cancelled by the Administration on any of the following grounds:

a. expiration of the principal's business license
b. upon written mutual agreement by the parties to pre-terminate the agreement
c. false documentation or misrepresentation in connection with the application for registration; and
d. final judgement in a disciplinary action against the foreign principal

IV. Additional Manpower Request

Subsequent manpower requests from the registered principals shall be verified by the Philippine Overseas Labor Office prior to its submission to POEA. Agencies may submit valid work permits in lieu of verified manpower requests.

In the case of new client-employer of previously accredited employment service provider/placement organization, the following shall be submitted for registration:

a. Verified manpower request of the employment service provider/placement organization indicating the number of workers required, salary and specification requirements which has undergone notarization by a Commission of Oaths in the Uk and legalization by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in Ireland. In support of the manpower request, the job order of the client-employer placement organization should be appended to the above cited documents.
b. Verified master employment contract signed by the authorized representative of the client-employer which has undergone notarization by a Commissioner of Oaths in the Uk and legalization by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in Ireland which incorporates the employment standards prescribed by the Administration.

In the case of nurses, all the provisions of item II.1.1.c. for contracts shall apply.

c. In the case of nurses, authority to conduct supervised practice issued by the An Bord Altranais or certification from the Dublin Academic Training Hospitals (DATHs) or other academic training hospitals outside Dublin that said hospital/nursing home is accredited to use their training facilities.

V. Renewal of Registration

The registration of the principal shall be renewed provided that all the documents submitted during the initial registration are still valid and the principal has confirmed its intention to renew its registration with the concerned agency.

VI. Open Registration

A principal that acts as direct employer may be registered to more than one agency provided that

a. A uniform compensation package shall be adopted by the principal and the agency and
b. The principal has a verified job order of at least 50 workers; or
c. That the principal must have hired at least 50 workers within a period of one year immediately preceding the registration.

VII. Dual Registration

A foreign placement agency or service provider may be registered to a maximum of two(2) Philippine agencies, provided that:

a. A uniform compensation package is adopted by the principal and agency:
b. The principal has a verified job order of at least 50 workers, or
c. That the principal must have hired at least 50 workers within a period of one year immediately preceding the registration.

VIII. Employment Briefing

Employment briefing of the applicants by the principals or their local licensed agency must include specific market information

IX. Requirements for Contract Processing

1. Request for processing;
2. Individual employment contract based on the approved Master Employment Contract;
3. Accomplished OFW Info Sheet

X. Name Hiring

1. Processing of healthcare workers and other categories of workers without the assistance of recruitment agencies shall be allowed provided that:
    a. The employment contract stipulating the basic provisions cited in II.1.1.c and business license/registration certificate/articles of incorporation are verified by the Philippine Overseas Labor Office after notarization by a Commissioner of Oaths and legalization by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in Ireland.
    b. Work permit/entry visa is available.
    c. In the case of nurses, the employer shall present authority from the An Bord Altranais to conduct supervised practice or certification from the DATHs or an academic training hospital outside Dublin that the employer is accredited as a user of their training facilities, duly verified by the Philippine Overseas Labor Office.
2. The Administration may allow limited name hiring subject to all the provisions of item 1

XI. On-Site Monitoring

Employers and/or employment service providers/placement organizations shall inform the Philippine Overseas Labor Office of the workers' arrival. They shall always provide the POLO the opportunity to visit the Filipino workers.

XII. Transitory Provision

A grace period of 30 days after the effectivity of this issuance shall be granted to all existing accredited companies, institutions, hospitals/nursing homes to submit their applications for additional job orders under the existing regulations. Thereafter, all submission shall be governed by the new issuance.

New client employer of accredited licensed employment service providers/placement organizations shall be duly registered upon compliance with the requirements of this issuance

This Circular takes effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation

(Sgd.) **ROSALINDA DIMAPILIS BALDOZ**
Administrator

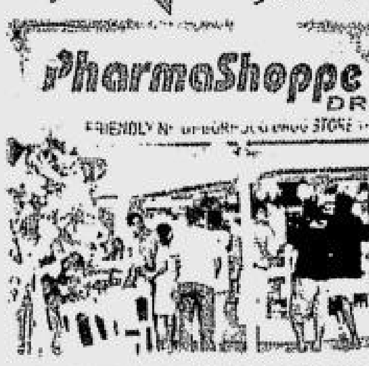
(PDI – Sept. 8, 2002)

NOW ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS

PharmaShoppe DRUG

A BUSINESS UNIT OF SYNCHRONY INTERNATIONAL CORP.

" Your Friendly Neighborhood Drugstore that Cares "



"RESERVE EARLY FOR PREFERRED DRUGSTORE SITES"

•MASTER FRANCHISE OPEN TO PROVINCIAL PARTNERS•

NOW FRANCHISING!!!

CAPITALIZE ON THE BENEFITS OF FRANCHISING:

- Good "Brand Name"
- Standardized and Efficient Operating System
- Strong Training Support
- Synergistic Distribution System
- Localized Sales & Marketing programs based on in-depth market research
- Attractive Viable Industry = P50 Billion Market
- Extensive Pharmaceutical Experience of Executives - Local & International

Contact Our 24 Hour Hotline # 534-4343
Franchise Hotline # 534-4397
Franchise Txt Hotline # 0919-2120471
0919-4958272
E-mail Address: synch@info.com.ph
pharmashoppe01@yahoo.com

BRANCHES TO SERVE YOU:

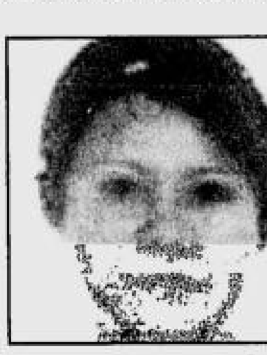
- Boni Ave., Mandaluyong City
- Rev. Aglipay, Mandaluyong City
- P. Oliveros, Antipolo Rizal
- Edsa-Ortigas, Mandaluyong City
- E. Rodriguez Ave. Quezon City
- Liberty Centre, Shaw Blvd. Mand.
- J. P Rizal Makati, Metro Manila
- Imelda Ave., Cainta
- Tanauan City, Batangas

SOON TO OPEN:

- Lucena City, Quezon
- Blumentrit, Manila
- Retiro, Quezon City
- Aurora Blvd. Sta Mesa, Manila

OFFICE ADDRESS: 387-389 BONI AVE. MANDALUYONG CITY, METRO MANILA

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



A warrant of arrest has been issued by the Metropolitan Trial Court of Pasig, Br. 68, against accused, **RITA LUSUNG - SANTOS** of # 18 Col. Licsi St., Canlogan Pasig City, for Violation of Batas Pambansa Blg. 22 under Criminal Case Nos. 59465-67. Any reliable information may be reported to the police authorities in Pasig City or please directly call JUANITA R. BARGOS at Tel. No. 643-6439.

A reward of **P50,000.00** awaits any information leading to her immediate & successful arrest.

(PDI--Sept. 8, 2002)

INVITATION TO BID

"AS IS WHERE IS"
DAMAGED MOTOR VEHICLES

2000 KIA PRIDE GTX WNL-743
1993 MITS. LANCER TKE-852
2001 L-200 STRADA AEE-433
1994 HONDA ACCORD CNV-248
1997 TOYOTA LITE ACE UTY-577

For particulars, call 812-4631

Send your resumés instantly.

JOBMarket ONLINE
www.jobmarketonline.com

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
SEC Building, EDSA, Greenhills
City of Mandaluyong, Metro Manila

SEC ADVISORY

August 13, 2002

The Commission advises the public that the **Mateo Management Group (MMG)** and the **Mateo Pre-Need Plans** are NOT licensed to engage in the business of selling Pre-Need plans.

This advisory is given in response to numerous inquiries made by the public and to address the misleading advertisement/s appearing in the MMG Digest, Volume 2, No. 1, Oct.-Dec. 2001, page 16 labeled "MATEO PRE-NEED PLANS (Pension & Education Plans)."

For guidance and information.

(PDI--Sept. 8, 2002)

A Well-stablished Publishing Company is now accepting applicants for the following areas:

Manila, Quezon City, Makati, San Juan, Cavite, Parañaque, Las Piñas, Bicol, Ilo-ilo, Bacolod, Tarlac and Leyte.

Qualifications:
Male/Female, 23-30 yrs. old, single, college graduate of any course, with at least 1 year experience in the field of selling.

Interested parties may apply in person or send their biodata with 2x2 passport size picture, NBI Clearance
at:
1946-A, F. Torres St. cor Diamante Extension, Sta. Ana, Manila, with Tel. Nos: 5647844•5627495•5648318

TECHNIKOS

SECRETARY

- Pleasant, professional, punctual
- Effective on the phone
- Key duties in filing and document management
- Computer literate, willing to be trained
- Background in bookkeeping a plus

Please send cover letter and resumé to:

**P.O. Box 2504
Makati Central Post Office
1265 Makati City**

An Established Christian Organization needs an **Accounting Clerk**

- BSC Accounting Graduate
- Preferably a licensed CPA, but not required
- Computer literate, can communicate in English, reliable & resourceful
- With pleasing personality, exemplary character and integrity.

Please submit your comprehensive resume (with photo) and transcript of records to:

MCPO BOX 1386, 1253 Makati City

URGENT HIRING FOR MLA. OFFICE

MARKETING OFFICER - F/M, single, w/exp. in Chem. or agri. products P10K++ salary/comm.
ACCOUNTING CLERKS - Female, single, comp. literate, w/ exp.
OFFICE PERSONNEL - Male, single, 25 yrs. old & above, w/ driver's license.

Bring or fax your comprehensive resumé at:
WORLD WIDE FUSION, INC.
Unit 9, RPM Bldg.
#614 Boni Ave., along Sikap St.
Mandaluyong City
Tel. Nos. 533 3179 / 789 8889

We need 100 **PRIME MOVERS** for our offshore outsourcing projects. At least 21 to 40 years old with at least 2 years college degree, preferably with MS Windows-based applications and can type at least 12,000 keystrokes per hr. Experience with online research work is a plus but not a requirement.

Please mail your resumé at MK-98 c/o Philippine Daily Inquirer, G/F Atrium Bldg., Makati Avenue, Makati City or email at globalresume2002@yahoo.com

---

WANTED FOR CEBU FACTORY

MECHANICAL ENGINEER - good grades, knows in electrical wiring & Lathe machine, 8 yrs. Expr. P900/day.

MACHINIST - good grades, 7 yrs. expr., knows how to repair nail & wire Drawing machine P650/day.

ELEC. ENGINEER - good grades, knows how to repair control panel. To work in steel plant P750/day.

Call Vivian tel. no. (032) 3461925 or fax to 3461923.

KUMON CTR CONGRESSIONAL
is in need of
TEACHERS
If you are: Single. 21-30 y/o, Female, College grad, Excel in Math & English, Love Children
Then, Send Resumé w/ 2x2 photo to:
#5-C Alley 6-A
Proj. 6, Q.C.

International foundation needs qualified, dedicated
SOCIAL WORKER
computer literate
Tel. 840-1695
Fax 813-4161

We are a New **Interior Design and Project Management Company** providing highly creative design solutions to our clients.

If you are an **Experienced, Internationally Thinking Professional** supported by an excellent **Team Attitude** and are constantly seeking to improve and hone your skills, then we would like to contact us. We are looking for:

**CADD DESIGNERS
3D MULTIMEDIA DESIGNERS
PROJECT MANAGERS
INTERIOR DESIGNERS**

We are looking for the BEST but if you are a Prima-Donna or behave like one you are NOT the right person for us.

Interested persons may fax or email information to:

Fax: 5326481
Email: jobs@mediasquare.com

This is an immediate requirement and we will need all information by **Tuesday, 10 September 2002.**

AUCARMAR MANPOWER SERVICES
POEA-236-LB-011201-NL

WANTED IMMEDIATELY
For K.S.A.

1. Heavy Driver (General)
2. H.V. Electrician (Cables & Sub-station)
3. Mechanic (Heavy Duty-general)
4. Line man
5. Survey Controller (Cad Operator)
6. Dump Truck Driver
7. Flower Arranger
8. Master Baker
9. Creative Graphic Designer
10. Domestic Helper
11. Female Manicurist

Bring: Resumé/Bio-data and other credentials
Apply at:
750 Pablo Ocampo Sr. St., (Across Rizal Memorial Coliseum) Malate, Manila, Philippines
Tel. No. 530-0159 • 09176916992
For Manpower Pooling Only • No Fees to be Collected
Mag-ingat sa mga ILLEGAL RECRUITERS

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

FEMALE CONSULTANT
FOR INTERNATIONAL JOB PLACEMENT & RECRUITMENT BUSINESS

Qualifications:
28 to 35 years old; Married or Single; 3-5 years experience in the Job Placement & Recruitment Business; Honest & Trustworthy, Willing to travel at a moment notice; Preferably a graduate of Psychology/HRD related course or international studies from a reputable school

WEB PAGE DESIGNER
Female, 18-25 years old, graduate of any Computer courses with at least 1 year experience

HDR & ASSOCIATES
RD 3A Vernida I Condo, 120 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Vill.,
Makati City, Philippines
e-mail hdrglobal@edsamail.com.ph

QUALITY CONTROL ENGINEER

- Male; 21-28 years old
- Engineering graduate
- Excellent Oral/Written Communication Skills
- Knowledgeable in Computer (MS Office Application)
- Willing to travel or be assigned in Luzon & Visayas
- With Professional Driver's License (Can Drive Motorcycle) Res. 1 & 2

Interested applicants may send their resumé with 2x2 photo, transcript of records (original) to:

UNITED SOUTH EAST DEV'T. CORP.
#96 Guirayan St., Brgy. Doña Imelda
Araneta, Quezon City

(F) Masseuse/Reflexologists
- at least 1 year experience
- not more than 40 years old

(M/F) Nutritionist/Bartenders
(M/F) PT/OT
- not more than 30 years old
- under board welcome

Apply in person with 2x2 picture at:
ONE SPA & FITNESS CENTER
#639 Banawe cor. Retiro St., Q.C.
M-Sat 1-5 PM, look for Marie

Exporters of Handicraft Novelties needs
SUPPLIER/SUBCON with
CROCHET & HANDSEWING SKILLS

Apply on Tues, Wed, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. only 1148-A Antipolo St., Brgy. Valenzuela, Makati (near Jollibee, JP Rizal beside City Hall) bring crochet & sewing kit

---

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Batanes

Local Government and Finance Development Project

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Supply and Delivery of Heavy Equipment
Date: September 8, 2002
SP-21-02
Loan No. 4446 PH

1. The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development in various currencies towards the cost of the Local Government Finance and Development Project. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the supply and delivery of heavy equipment.
2. The Bids and Awards Committee of the Province of Batanes now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the procurement of brand new heavy equipment thru direct importation; one (1) unit Pay Loader; one (1) unit 30-tonner Crane; one (1) unit Excavator; three (3) units 6 Wheeler Dumptruck.
3. Bidding will be conducted through the international competitive bidding procedures specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines; Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*, and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the guidelines.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Engr. Rodolfo de Borja, Engineer III/ SPMO Staff and inspect the bidding documents at the SPMO Office, Provincial Capitol, Basco, Batanes from September 8 to October 22, 2002.
5. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders upon submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of FOUR THOUSAND PESOS (P4,000.00). The method of payment will be in cash or manager's check. The document will be sent by courier service.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 10:00 A.M. of **October 22, 2002**. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of three percent (3.0%) of the bid price in the form of cash, certified check, bank guarantee, letter of credit or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend at the address below on **October 22, 2002** at 10:00 A.M.

   **BAC Chairman/Provincial Governor
   c/o BAC Secretariat
   2/F, Provincial Governor's Office, Provincial Capitol Complex
   Basco, Batanes 3900
   Philippines Tel. No. (098) 5400 - 602**

7. A pre-bid conference will be held at 2:00 P.M. on **October 8, 2002** at the 2/F HRTC Building, Provincial Capitol, Basco, Batanes.

(Sgd.) **HON. VICENTE S. GATO**
BAC Chairman/Provincial Governor

(PDI--Sept. 8 & 12, 2002)

Department of Health
RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR TROPICAL MEDICINE
Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang, Muntinlupa City
Tel. Nos. 807-2628 to 32 • Fax No. 842-2245
Direct Line 809-7599

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

The Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) invites all interested parties to pre-qualify and to bid for the fabrication and installation of laboratory furniture in the Virology Department.

Only responsible and duly accredited suppliers, manufacturers and/or exclusive distributors of laboratory furniture are qualified to participate upon presentation of the following:

1. DTI business name or SEC Registration w/ Article of Incorporation
2. Business Permit
3. Mayor's Permit
4. BIR Value Added Tax Registration
5. Audited Financial Statements stamped "received" by the BIR for the past two calendar year
6. List of Laboratories and Institutions Served
   (Bring original copies)

Submission of the said documents and issuance of bid documents for qualified bidders will be at the Supply Department on **September 18, 2002** upon payment of non-refundable fee of P1,000.00 (One Thousand Pesos) for the proposal forms.

A Pre-bid Conference will be held on **September 20, 2002 at 2:30 p.m.** at the Training Center of RITM.

Only Pre-qualified Bidders shall be allowed to attend the Pre-bid conference. Attendance to the Pre-bid conference is a must and failure to show up shall be deemed to waive his right to participate.

Submission of sealed bid documents will be on **September 25, 2002 at 1:30 p.m.** at the Training Center of RITM.

Sealed bid must be submitted on the scheduled day of bid opening accompanied by a bid security in the amount equivalent to two and a half percent (2 1/2%) of the total bid price. The bid security may be in the form of cash, Cashier's or Manager's check, bank draft or guarantee against any reputable bank, letter of credit issued by a commercial bank, surety bond callable on demand issued by a surety or insurance company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner or any combination thereof. Interested bidders are requested to present personally or through their authorized representatives their proposals. Letters of authority to represent and sign documents must be properly notarized.

RITM reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any defect or informality therein and to accept the bid most advantageous to the Institute.

(Sgd.) SALVACION R. GATCHALIAN, M.D.
Chairman, Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI--Sept. 8 & 15, 2002)

Trans Co

NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION
South Luzon Regional Operation & Maintenance

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
AD NO. TRANSCO 2002-10A

The Southern Luzon Transco (SLT), Transco wishes to invite interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid on the items listed below

SCHEDULE		ITEM DESCRIPTION	PR NUMBER
		DATE OF BIDDING: OCTOBER 08, 2002; 10:00 AM	
A1	6 SET	DISCONNECTING SWITCH	3LAG-02-135
A2	2 SET	DISCONNECT SWITCH	3LAG-02-078
		DATE OF BIDDING: OCTOBER 08, 2002; 02:00 PM	
B1	1 LOT	STRAIN CLAMP, SHACKLE, WIRE (OHGW), Y-CLEVIS	3ALT-02-030
B2	1 LOT	JOB ORDER: SUPPLY OF LABOR MATERIALS AND SUPERVISION ON SITE SEALING AND REPAIR OF 5MVA POWER TRANSFORMER OIL LEAK LOCATED AT LEAK LOCATED AT LIPA S/S	A1-02-081

NOTE: A Pre-Bidding Conference will be held for the following bidding schedules on:

1) A1 - September 24, 2002; 10:00 AM - at SLT Bidding Room
2) A2 - September 24, 2002; 11:00 AM - at SLT Bidding Room
3) B1 - September 24, 2002; 01:00 PM - at SLT Bidding Room
4) B2 - September 24, 2002; 02:00 PM - at SLT Bidding Room

Complete sets of Application Form for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be obtained from the Office of the Manager, Administration Division, SLT, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P100.00 per schedule starting **September 02, 2002**. No bid documents will be issued on the date of bidding.

Bids will be received at the SLT Bidding Room, Transco-SL, San Vicente, Biñan Laguna until 10:00 o'clock A.M. for A1 and A2 and 2:00 o'clock P.M. for B1 and B2 on the date specified above after which Eligibility Requirements and Initial Technical Proposals of eligible bidders will be opened in the presence of attending bidders.

Prospective Bidders shall signify conformance to bidding terms and conditions as required and shall ensure the same through proper submission/execution. The procurement rules and regulations used in this transaction shall be in accordance with the implementing rules and regulations of "Executive Order 40"

The Bidder shall furnish as part of his bid, a bid security in the amount equivalent to at least 1% of the approved budget in the form of Cash, Manager's/Cashier's Check, Certified Check, Bank Draft, Irrevocable Letter of Credit, or 1.5% of the approved budget in the form of Bank Guarantee, or 2.5% of the approved budget in the form of Surety Bond, penal and callable on demand issued by a Surety or Insurance Company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commission.

The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at anytime prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligations to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for the basis of the BAC's action.

(Sgd.) R. D. RAMAS
*MANAGER, ADMINISTRATION
TRANSCO SOUTH*

(PDI--Sept. 8, 2002)

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING DIVISION
Main Office: PASONG TAMO, MAKATI CITY
☎ 8972535 (Direct) ☎ 8978808 (Trunk) Fax 8974808
G/F ATRIUM BLDG., MAKATI AVENUE, MAKATI CITY
☎ 8114361 ☎ 8114370 ☎ 8114012 Fax 8925578
ST. ANTHONY'S BLDG., AURORA BLVD., QUEZON CITY
912-9008-11 (9129011 Fax 912-9011
MEGAMALL, MANDALUYONG CITY
6350219 ☎ 6872354 ☎ 6872366 Fax 6350220
F TRINITY BLDG., 636 T.M. KALAW ST., ERMITA, MANILA
52-3342 ☎ 5280183 ☎ 5276357 Fax 5280213
ABANG, MUNTINLUPA CITY
8424503 ☎ 8506465 Fax 8506465
nail address: main_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

JOB MARKET ©

NATIONAL EDITION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2002

JOB MARKET
is exclusively for job advertisements.
This classified advertising section is published every Sunday and distributed nationwide.
RATES
P230 per column centimeter (E-VAT exclusive)
DEADLINES
for reservations / cancellations / corrections
Thursday 12:00 noon
Please turn to page B6 for more classified ads.

World Agroforestry Centre
TRANSFORMING LIVES AND LANDSCAPES

The International Centre
for Research in Agroforestry

announces one position:

Associate Research Officer/Claveria Site Coordinator

ICRAF is an autonomous, non-profit international research organization. ICRAF's purpose is to improve human welfare and enhance environmental resilience in the tropics through improved agroforestry systems.

The Position:
The successful candidate serves as research manager as well as investigator for institutional /policy related research in support of ICRAF's Research and Development (R & D) thrusts for the Philippines. He / She shall be based in Claveria, Misamis Oriental.

Responsibilities:
- Provide leadership in the development of proposals and monitoring documentation of research projects;
- Design and implement training and communication programs on agoroforestry innovations;
- Provide team leadership, administrative coordination and partnership building to support research;
- Investigate on farmer led organizations, locally led NRM and environmental service payments;
- Develop project proposals for submission to investors as may be needed.

Qualifications:
- At least an MSc in Forest Resources Economics, Economics or Environmental Science and Rural Dev.
- At least 5 years work experience as part of multidisciplinary, R & D teams: work in resource economics and leadership experience a plus.
- Self motivated; excellent written and oral English communication; ability to speak Cebuano a plus
- Computer literate. Experience with statistical data analysis a plus.
- Can relocate in Claveria, Misamis Oriental and can travel frequently ICRAF R & D sites (Bukidnon, Bohol and Leyte). Physical stamina for travel to remote rural areas.

Terms of Employment:
The full time one-year contract will start as soon as possible (with probation period of 6 months), with possible extension. Salary is commensurate with experience.

Qualified individuals are invited to submit their letter of application (with contact Tel. No. / Fax No. / Email address), accompanied by a detailed CV, transcript of records, 2x2 photo, and names of at least two referees (including telephone, fax numbers and email addresses) not later than ***September 30, 2002***. All correspondence should be addressed to ICRAF-Philippines *Attention* : Glo Acaylar, 2/F, College of Forestry and Natural Resources Admin. Bldg. UPLB, College, Laguna 4031. Postal address: P.O. Box 35024, UPLB, College, Laguna 4031. Telephone: (049) 536-2925; Fax (049) 536-4521. Email: g.acaylar@cgiar.org
We invite you to learn more about ICRAF by accessing our website http://www.worldagroforestrycentre.org

---

PUREFOODS HORMEL

NEEDS

TRUCKERS

To handle its heavy sales volume this Christmas Season. The units will be dispatched from Purefoods-Hormel's Marikina Plant, Navotas and Laguna Depot for deliveries to Greater Manila Area (GMA) and Luzon Provincial Areas (LPA).

Other Relevant Information:
Truck Type : AUV/Trucks (1.0 - 4.0 tons capacity)
Body Type : Refrigerated/Insulated/Closed Vans
Contract Period : November 02, 2002 - December 31, 2002

For particulars, please call or visit:

FOR MARIKINA PLANT	FOR LAGUNA DEPOT
PERRY C. RUTAQUIO	ERNESTO S. GANA

at the following address and telephone numbers:
PUREFOODS-HORMEL COMPANY, INC.
Barrio San Roque, Marikina City
Telephone Nos. 645-3251 to 55 Local 256, 257, 258, 340
FAX Numbers 645-4535 and 645-3324

Vaxines Trading

in its expansion program
urgently needs

SALES REPRESENTATIVES

with the following qualifications:

☑ M/F, not more than 30 years old
☑ Honest and hardworking
☑ Pleasing personality
☑ College graduate or college level
☑ Must be able to communicate well in English and Tagalog

Qualified applicants are required to come in business attire and bring resumé and 1x1 latest ID photo at:

Building 5 - Unit 15, URCI Townhomes
Alabang-Zapote Road, Las Piñas City
Tels. 873-1781
Contact Person: Ginger Obusan

PREVIOUS APPLICANTS NEED NOT APPLY.

SAN JUAN DE DIOS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC. (HOSPITAL)
2272-2774 Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE
and
DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

ARE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICANTS FOR FIRST YEAR RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM

FOR INQUIRIES PLEASE CALL:

EMY MARCAIDA (Medical Director's Office)
➢ 831-9731 local 1104
MELANIE MAGANA (Department of Medicine)
➢ 831-9731 local 1150
MYLA DAVID (Department of Pediatrics)
➢ 831-9731 local 1147

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION:

SEPTEMBER 14, 2002 (Internal Medicine)

NEW REVIEW SESSION TO START ON 22 SEPTEMBER

ATTENTION: PHARMACISTS

FPGEE REVIEW

(Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Exam.)

FOR INFORMATION:

CALL : 0917-3746728
(02) 436-5270
(Leave your name and landline number)

EMAIL : fpgeereview@yahoo.com

LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE

Fast-Growing Progressive Company

Experienced, motivated, professional, dynamic

General Plant Manager for Davao

- Male, at least 40 years old
- Mechanical or Industrial Engineer
- Must speak Cebuano
- Must be williing to relocate
- Preferably with Manila work experience, but possessing family or personal ties to Davao
- At least 5 years experience in the same capacity

P90,000 pesos Monthly Compensation + Bonuses and other Perks

Direct your comprehensive Curriculum Vitaé with your recent 2x2 colored photograph to:

Director for Personnel
c/o Box No. KA-027-02 GP
Philippine Daily Inquirer
G/F, Trinity Building
636 T.M. Kalaw St.
Ermita, Manila

GIA
THAILAND CAMPUS

Gemological Institute of America

Learn about Gems and Jewelry

From the world's foremost authority in gemology
70 year history of excellence in education
over 300,000 students worldwide

The GIA Graduate Gemologist Diploma; the most recognized gemological credential

Next G.G. Program starts November 4, 2002

GIA Thailand Campus

Tel: (662) 237-9575 to 77 Fax: (662) 236-9829
giathai@ksc15.th.com www.giathailand.com

LUNG CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES
Quezon Avenue Extension, Quezon City
Philippines 1100
Tel. Nos. 924-61-01 to 04
Fax No. (632) 924-0707 / 925-2021
E-mail: lungcenterphil@yahoo.com

The Lung Center of the Philippines, Department of Thoracic Surgery & Anesthesia is now accepting application for a 3 years training program in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery for the year 2002. Applicants must have completed General Surgery Training from a PCS accredited program.

Application for a 2-year fellowship training program in Thoracic Anesthesia is also now open. Applicants must have completed the 3-year residency training program in Anesthesia in an accredited Anesthesia training program.

Please send in your resumé, Diploma of your Residency, Transcript of Records to Medical Staff Office, 2nd Floor. Deadline for submission of application is September 16, 2002.

(PDI--Sept. 8, 2002)

Attn: Educators
Want to teach at a world class facility, clean and conductive environment for learning and teaching with faculty development opportunities....

GLOBAL CITY INNOVATIVE COLLEGE
GLOBAL CITY, FORT BONIFACIO

is looking for

I. FULL TIME / PART TIME DYNAMIC INSTRUCTORS
Nursing, Business, Computer I.T., Maritime Courses

II. FULL TIME DEAN / ASST DEAN FOR
- College of Business & Management
- College of Computer Science
- College of Nursing
- Maritime Education

Minimum requirement: Must have a MA in respective field, at leat 3 years teaching experience and 2 years administrative experience

III. ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
School Administrator, Registrar HR Personnel

Send Application, Resume, TOR and ID picture to
HRD Dept - Global City Innovative College
3/f HatchAsia Global Center, 31st Street 2nd Ave. E-Square
IT Park Bonifacio Global City, Taguig 1634

Tel 8180945 / 8180946

For Men - Women

Hair Loss Problem ?

Complete Hair Salon , Hair Replacement
Hair Grow Treatment

This is the same Person

Recover
Your real Self

Invisible HairLine Edition
Txt: 0917-839-8638

Crown Jewel
Hair Clinic Salon

* SM Megamall - Manila * Davao City

* Don't go into Business alone . . Be our Partner

Be our . . **Franchise** ....in your area
for only 150,000 pesos

CENTRO OFTALMOLOGICO JOSE RIZAL
FILIPINAS EYE CENTER FOUNDATION, INC.
UP-PGH Compound, Ermita Manila

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY

The Filipinas Eye Center Foundation, Inc. (FECFI) a non-government/ non-profit organization invites all interested Contractors to be pre-qualified as Contractor/Sub-Contractor for the proposed 5 storey, Eye Center known as "Centro Oftalmologico Jose Rizal" to be located at UP-PGH Compound, Ermita, Manila.

Contractors to be pre-qualified shall be in the following classifications:

a) General Contractor
b) HVAC, Electrical, Fire Protection and Plumbing Contractors
c) Special Systems (PABX/Telephone System, LAN, PA/BGM, Fire Alarm and Detection, Nurse Call, CATV, CCTV and Elevator System) contractors
d) Medical Gas System Contractor

Contractors should be under "AA" or "AAA" category and have undertaken construction of similar projects for the last five (5) years.

Interested Contractors who wish to be pre-qualified for the project and in accordance to the classification described above, may submit a Letter of Intent and secure Pre-qualification Forms from SPCastro and Associates, Inc. (The Project Manager) during office hour (9:00 am - 7:00 pm) at Suite 601, 6/F, Gabriel III Condominium, San Miguel Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City, between **September 9 - 11, 2002**. The deadline for submission of the accomplished pre-qualification forms in three (3) copies shall be on **16 September 2002**. All pre-qualified contractors shall be properly notified. For clarification, you may contact SPCastro and Associates, Inc. at Tel. Nos. 633-4277 / 637-5763 and Fax No. 633-4285.

The FECFI reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. To waive any formality or technicality, and to award to any contractor whose proposal is deemed most advantageous to the project. The FECFI will not answer any obligation for any loss whatsoever that may be incurred by the contractors in the preparation of their respective proposals, nor will the FECFI guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) **ALFREDO T. RAMIREZ, M.D.**
Chairman, BAC

(PDI--Sept. 8, 2002)

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT TRADE PROMOTION AGENCY SEEKS A MARKETING OFFICER WHO WILL HANDLE PRODUCT PROMOTION - BUSINESS MATCHING BETWEEN FOREIGN SUPPLIERS AND LOCAL BUSINESS

MUST BE GRADUATE OF MARKETING, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OR INTERNATIONAL TRADE WITH AMPLE WORK EXPERIENCE IN MARKETING

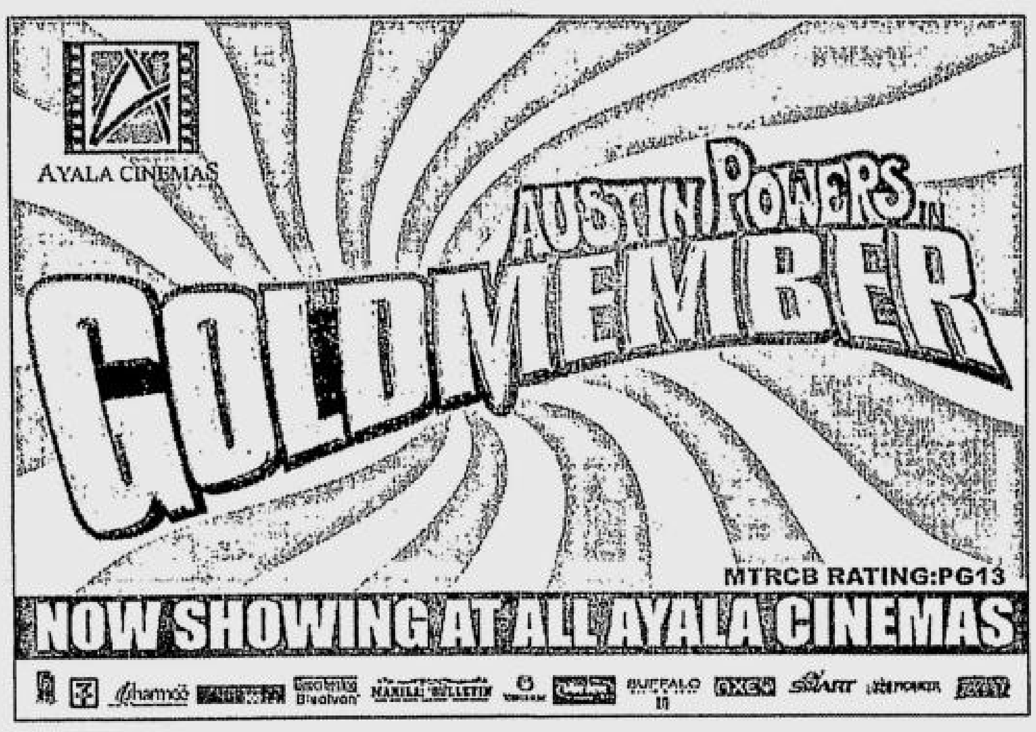
SEND RESUME TO KTC (ATTN : CHARLIE) PO BOX 2753 MCPO MAKATI CITY OR AT 9TH FLR. JAKA BLDG. 6780 AYALA MAKATI BEFORE 14 SEPTEMBER 2002

LUNG CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES
Quezon Avenue Extension, Quezon City
Philippines 1100
Tel. Nos. 924-61-01 to 04
Fax No. (632) 924-0707 / 925-2021
E-mail: lungcenterphil@yahoo.com

The Department of Pulmonary Medicine has one vacancy for pulmonary medicine fellowship for the year 2002.

Interested applicants must be Diplomate or Fellows of the Philippine College of Physicians (PCP). For inquiries, contact the Medical Staff Office at Tel. No. 925-2019 (Look for Norma D. Aveño).

(PDI--Sept. 8, 2002)



MMTA
METRO MANILA THEATERS ASSOCIATION

MOVIE GUIDE
NOW SHOWING
EMAIL: mmta@asia.com

Filinvest FESTIVAL CINEMA
(Muntinlupa) tel 850.3571 or 72

1 (DOLBY)	HIGH RISK
2 (SDDS)	TRIPLE X
3 (DTS)	HIGH EXPLOSIVE
4 GOLD(DTS)	THE ROOKIE
5 GOLD(DOLBY)	BOURNE IDENTITY
6 GOLD(SDDS)	SIGNS
7 GOLD(DOLBY)	AUSTIN POWER-3
8	GAMITAN
9	LILO & STITCH
10	JOLOGS

Pearl Plaza Cinemas
(Parañaque) tel. 853.4486

1
2
3 (DTS)
4
5
6 (DTS)
Golden Pearl THX

Masagana CINEMA ①②&③
(Pasay) tel [illegible]
TEL. 551 63 87

1	BAKAT
2	BOURNE IDENTITY
3	HIGH RISK

starmall Movies
(Shaw Blvd.) tel 724.4986

1	HIGH RISK
2	JOLOGS
3	GAMITAN
4 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	BOURNE IDENTITY
5	BAKAT

METROPOLIS star
tel 850.4285

1	DERAILED
2	GAMITAN
3	BAKAT
4	BOURNE IDENTITY
5	HIGH RISK
6	JOLOGS
7	
8	

PREMIERE CINEMA THX
(Makati City) tel 751.2010 to13

BOURNE IDENTITY
SEPTEMBER 4, 5, 6, WED,THUR, FRI
TIME : 5:30 PM, 8:30 PM, 10:30.
5:30 PM, 8:00 PM, 10:30 PM.

Center Plaza Cinema
(Balanga, Bataan) tel (047) 237.7007

1	JOLOGS
2	LILO & STITCH

FCM FAIRVIEW CENTER MALL, INC
tel 930.9515

1	
2	AMBISYOSA
3	

Sunshine
(FTI, Taguig) tel 838.4301 loc. 3376

1	GAMITAN
2	
3	
4	

GOTESCO CINEMA

Gotesco City
(Manila) tel 734.8588

1 (SDDS)	JOLOGS
4	GAMITAN
5	HIGH RISK
6	BAKAT
7 (DTS)	AUSTIN POWER-3
8 (SDDS)	SIGNS
9 (DOLBY)	BOURNE IDENTITY

Gotesco Caloocan
tel 362.3508

2	RESERVE

Gotesco Grand Central
(Caloocan) tel 365.7928

1	BAKAT
2	JOLOGS
3	GAMITAN
4 (SDDS)	BOURNE IDENTITY
5	JOLOGS
6 (DOLBY)	SIGNS
7 (DTS)	HIGH RISK
8	TRIPLE X
9	DERAILED

Gotesco Commonwealth
tel 951.0082

4	JOLOGS
5 (SDDS)	HIGH RISK
6 (DTS)	BAKAT
7 (DOLBY)	BOURNE IDENTITY
8	GAMITAN

Gotesco Ortigas
tel 656.6795

1	HIGH RISK
2	BAKAT
3 (DTS)	JOLOGS
4	GAMITAN
5 (SDDS)	BOURNE IDENTITY

Universal
(Manila) tel 733.2470

1	BAKAT

Sampaguita
(Cubao) tel 911.7888

1	BAKAT

Dilson
(Manila) tel 734.7724

Dilson	HIGH RISK
Lords	HIGH EXPLOSIVE
Jennet	RESERVE

MARKETPLACE
Mandaluyong
tel 533.3851, 533.3856

1	HIGH RISK
2	BOURNE IDENTITY
3	BAKAT

Isetann Cinerama Complex Recto SUPER CINERAMA
tel 733.4238

1 (DOLBY)	BOURNE IDENTITY
2	HIGH RISK
3	GAMITAN
4	JOLOGS
5	BAKAT

FRC Cinema
(Talaba Bacoor Cavite)

1	RESERVE
2	RESERVE

Berma Cinema
(Baclaran) tel 879.2030 / 879.2029

1	BAKAT
2	BOURNE IDENTITY

THE CENTER OF ENTERTAINMENT Araneta

MALL CINEPLEX 7
tel 911.3101 loc. 821/8242/8400

1	JOLOGS
2	GAMITAN
3 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	BOURNE IDENTITY
4 (SDDS)	SIGNS
5 (DTS)	TRIPLE X
6	AUSTIN POWER
7	HIGH RISK

FarmersPlaza CINEMAS
tel 911.3101 loc. 821/8242/8400

1	BAKAT
2	BOURNE IDENTITY

CINEMA 2000

Cinema 2000 Target Mall
(Sta. Rosa Laguna)
tel (049) 534.2185 / 534.2198

1	BAKAT
2	JOLOGS
3 (DTS)	BOURNE IDENTITY

Cinema 2000 Waltermart
(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7983

1	JOLOGS
2 (DTS)	AUSTIN POWER
3 (DOLBY)	BOURNE IDENTITY
4	SIGNS

Cinema 2000 Pavilion Mall
(Biñan) tel (049) 411.1146

1	JOLOGS
2 (DOLBY)	SIGNS
3 (DTS)	BOURNE IDENTITY
4	AUSTIN POWER

Cinema 2000 Cinemagix
(Urdaneta) tel(075) 568.6771

1	JOLOGS
2	GAMITAN
3	SIGNS
4	

Cinema 2000 MetroTown
(Tarlac) tel(045) 982.1729

1	GAMITAN
2	JOLOGS
3 (DOLBY)	KILLING ME SOFTLY
4 (DTS)	DERAILED

Magic Star Cinema
(Tarlac City) tel (045) 611.4305

1	GAMITAN
2	DERAILED
3	JOLOGS

Lianas Cinema
(Alabang) tel 850.1276

1	DERAILED
2	BAKAT
3	HIGH EXPLOSIVE
4	HIGH RISK

Lianas MovieCity
(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7202

1 (DOLBY)	BOURNE IDENTITY
2	JOLOGS
3 (DTS)	AUSTIN POWER-3
4	GAMITAN
5	BAKAT

Olivarez Tri-Cinema
(Biñan) tel (049) 511.8863

1	JOLOGS
2	BOURNE IDENTITY
3	BAKAT

Olivarez Los Baños
tel (049) 249.2558

1	BAKAT
2	JOLOGS
3	BOURNE IDENTITY

Mega Center Mall
(Cabanatuan City) tel (044) 463.3233

1	MORE ANTS IN THE PANTS
2	JOLOGS
3	TRIPLE X
4	GAMITAN

Cabuyao
(Laguna City) tel (049) 531.4808

1 (DTS)	BAKAT
2 (DTS)	RESERVE

Emperor
(Rosario Cavite) tel (046) 438.1657

1	JOLOGS
2	TRIPLE X
3	BIGLANG LIKO

Fiesta World Mall
(Lipa) tel (043) 981.0790

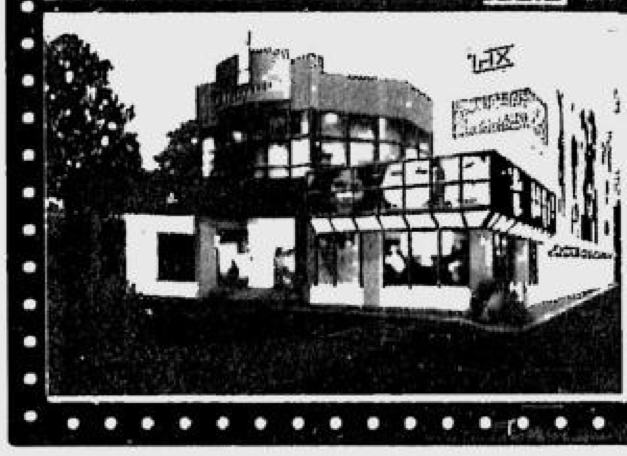
1	GAMITAN
2	DERAILED
3	TRIPLE X
4	JOLOGS

Jade Cinema
(Angeles City) tel (045) 887.5001 to 03

1 (DOLBY)	BOURNE IDENTITY
2	MORE ANTS IN THE PANTS
3 (DTS)	SIGNS
4	AUSTIN POWER-3

*Movies are subject to change without prior notice .

ADVANCED SCREENING THX DOLBY dts SDDS



PREMIERE CINEMA OPENS WEDNESDAY
5:00 PM, 7:30PM, 9:45PM
REIGN OF FIRE

SM CINEMA
SM Dial-A-Movie Tel. 633-9999
NOW SHOWING

SM CITY BACOOR
4173888

1	GAMITAN
2	SIGNS
3	THE BOURNE IDENTITY
4	TRIPLE X
5	DERAILED
6	JOLOGS
7	BAKAT
8	HIGH RISK

SM CENTERPOINT
7149522 -7161416

1	JOLOGS
2	UNFAITHFUL
3	THE BOURNE IDENTITY
4	BAKAT
5	HIGH RISK
6	GAMITAN
7	TRIPLE X
8	DERAILED
9	SIGNS
10	AUSTIN POWERS

SM CITY FAIRVIEW
9350749

1	JOLOGS
2	HIGH RISK
3	TRIPLE X
4	SIGNS
5	THE BOURNE IDENTITY
6	BAKAT
7	AUSTIN POWERS
8	GAMITAN
9	DERAILED
10	HUMAN EATER
11	UNFAITHFUL
12	JOLOGS

SM CITY MANILA
5239240

1	AUSTIN POWERS
2	THE BOURNE IDENTITY
3	THE ROOKIE
4	SIGNS
5	TRIPLE X
6	THE BOURNE IDENTITY
7	HIGH RISK
8	DERAILED
9	JOLOGS
10	GAMITAN
11	JOLOGS
12	BAKAT

SM MEGAMALL
6331901 • 6329401

1	THE BOURNE IDENTITY
2	UNFAITHFUL
3	THE BOURNE IDENTITY
4	TRIPLE X
5	HIGH RISK
6	THE ROOKIE
7	GAMITAN
8	AUSTIN POWERS
9	JOLOGS
10	SIGNS
11	BAKAT
12	DERAILED

SM CITY NORTH EDSA
9295452

1	HIGH RISK
2	AUSTIN POWERS
3	BAKAT
4	JOLOGS
5	GAMITAN
6	SIGNS
7	TRIPLE X
8	THE BOURNE IDENTITY

SM SOUTHMALL
8066888

1	THE ROOKIE
2	AUSTIN POWERS
3	THE BOURNE IDENTITY
4	SIGNS
5	DERAILED
6	GAMITAN
7	JOLOGS
8	TRIPLE X
9	HIGH RISK
10	BAKAT

SM CITY CEBU
2313876

1	THE BOURNE IDENTITY
2	TRIPLE X
3	KILLING ME SOFTLY
4	SWEETEST THING
5	SEX & ZEN
6	GAMITAN
7	JOLOGS
8	THE BOURNE IDENTITY

SM CITY ILOILO
3209422

1	TRIPLE X
2	CLOSED
3	SWEETEST THING
4	UNFAITHFUL
5	JOLOGS
6	THE BOURNE IDENTITY
7	CLOSED
8	ORANGE COUNTY

SM CITY PAMPANGA
7128015

1	THE BOURNE IDENTITY
2	TRIPLE X
3	BAKAT
4	GAMITAN
5	SIGNS
6	JOLOGS

SM SUPER CTR. SUCAT
8294975

1	AUSTIN POWERS
2	JOLOGS
3	THE BOURNE IDENTITY
4	SIGNS

SM CINEMA TUTUBAN
2514302

1	THE BOURNE IDENTITY
2	BAKAT
3	JOLOGS
4	HIGH RISK

SM CITY DAVAO
2976998

1	THE BOURNE IDENTITY
2	JOLOGS
3	TRIPLE X
4	UNFAITHFUL
5	SWEETEST THING
6	INSOMNIA

SM BICUTAN

1
2
3
4

SOON TO OPEN!
4 NEW
STATE-OF-THE-ART
VISION & SOUND

SM CITY CAGAYAN DE ORO

1
2
3
4

SOON TO OPEN!
4 NEW
STATE-OF-THE-ART
VISION & SOUND

THE PODIUM CINEMA
18 ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City
633-8976

1	CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
2	THE BOURNE IDENTITY 10:30 FS/11:00 MF/1:30/4:00/6:30/9:00/ 11:00 LFS/11:30 LMF/1:30 END

LATE NIGHT SCREENING DURING FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS
Matinee : P100.00 - Screening until 5pm • Monday thru Friday
Regular Rate : P120.00 - After 5pm • Saturday • Sunday • Holidays (Reserved Seating)

Movies are subject to change without prior notice

MOVIEWORLD CINEMAS
@ Robinsons Malls
NOW SHOWING

Galleria
632- 9115- 16
633- 7641 loc. 279

THX	BOURNE IDENTITY
2	HIGH RISK
3	THE ROOKIE
4	AUSTIN POWERS
5	BOURNE IDENTITY
6	SIGNS
7	BAKAT
8	JOLOGS
9	TRIPLE X
10	UNFAITHFUL

Ermita
536 -7809- 12

1	BOURNE IDENTITY
2	BAKAT
3	HIGH RISK
4	SIGNS
5	THE ROOKIE
6	JOLOGS
7	AUSTIN POWERS

Metro East -
Marcos hway
682- 8193 / 8280

1	GAMITAN
2	BOURNE IDENTITY
3	AUSTIN POWERS
4	TRIPLE X
5	HIGH RISK
6	JOLOGS
7	SIGNS
8	BAKAT

Novaliches
935- 3229 - 30

1	BOURNE IDENTITY
2	TRIPLE X
3	JOLOGS
4	UNFAITHFUL
5	SIGNS
6	AUSTIN POWERS
7	BAKAT
8	HIGH RISK

Imus
471- 8188 / 875- 3838

1	BOURNE IDENTITY
2	JOLOGS
3	SPIRIT
4	TRIPLE X
5	INSOMNIA
6	GAMITAN

Bacolod
441- 0453 / 0459

1	BOURNE IDENTITY
2	JOLOGS
3	SPIRIT
4	THE SWEETEST THING
5	INSOMNIA
6	GAMITAN

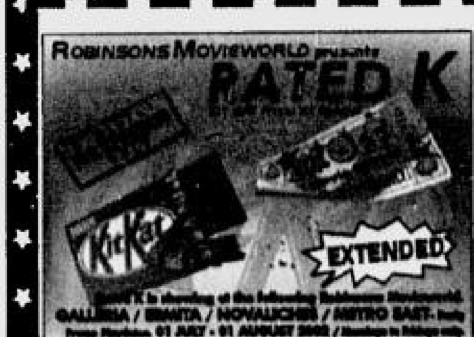
Iloilo
336- 8077 - 78

1	BOURNE IDENTITY
2	UNFAITHFUL
3	THE SWEETEST THING
4	JOLOGS
5	ORANGE COUNTY
6	BIGLANG LIKO

Star Mills-
Sn Fernando, Pamp
875- 1927
961-5318 / 5270

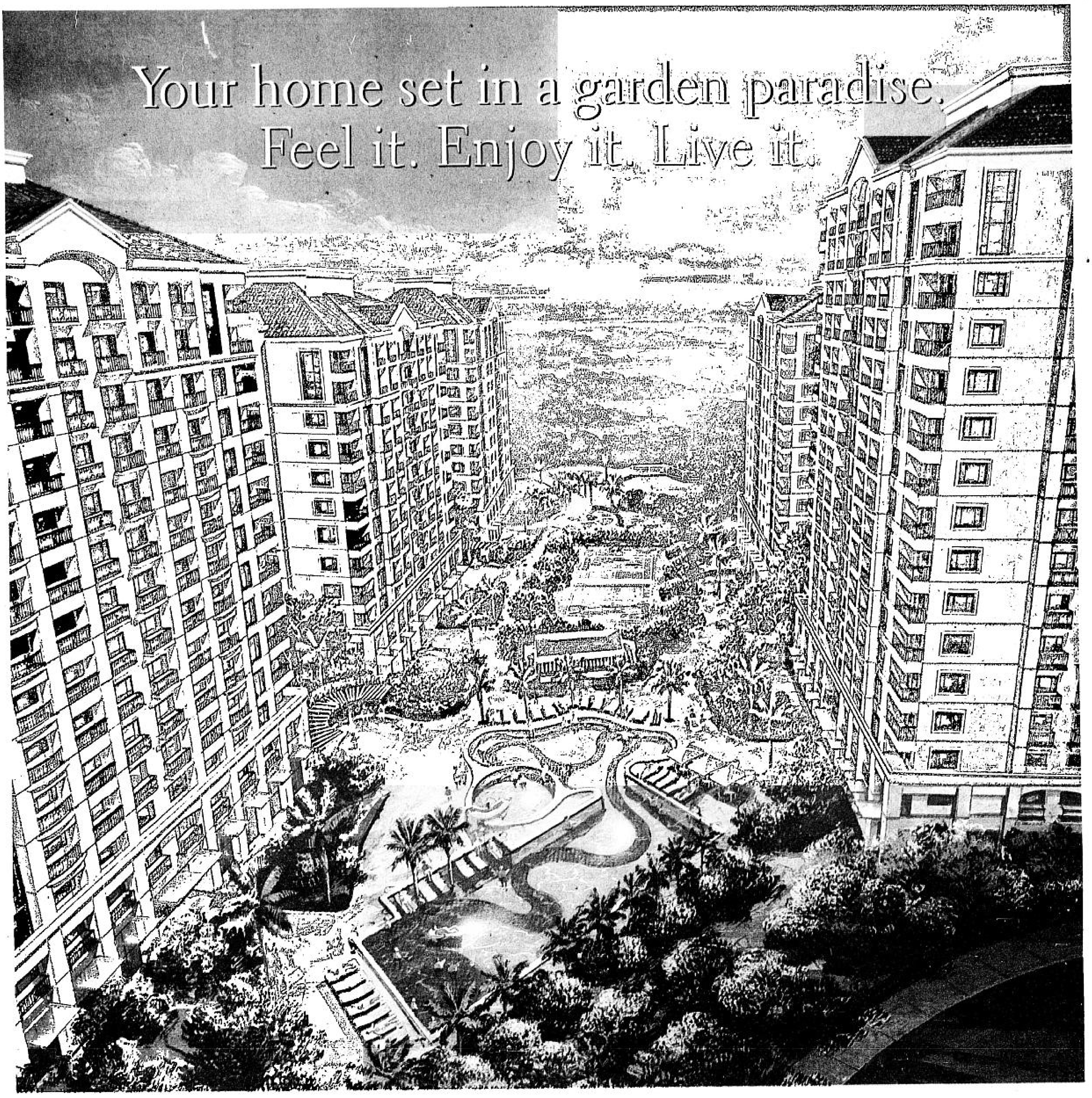
1	SORORITY BOYS
2	SIGNS
3	JOLOGS
4	BAKAT
5	BOURNE IDENTITY
6	BOURNE IDENTITY

malabon citisquare-
soon to open.


ROBINSONS MOVIEWORLD presents
RATED K
KitKat
EXTENDED
GALLERIA / ERMITA / NOVALICHES / METRO EAST

how-2-reach-us:
email: htc@netasia-mnl.net
http://www.robinsonsmovieworld.com
call-a-movie 536- 7812

MOVIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

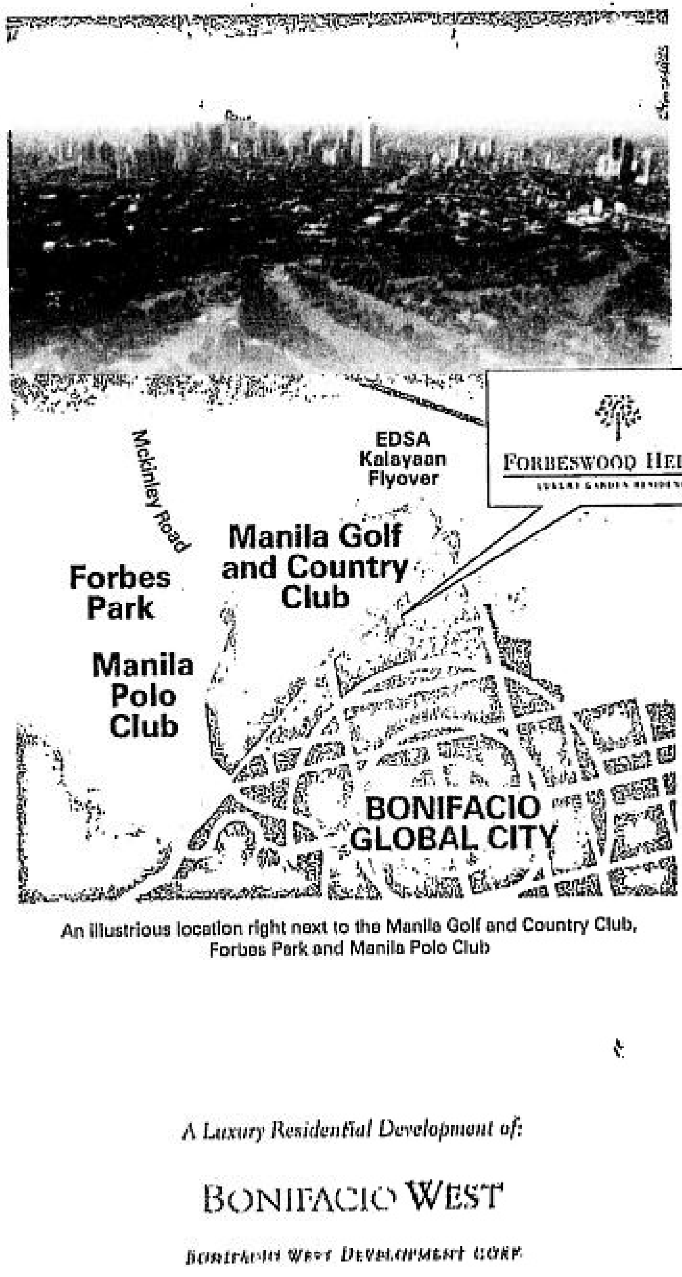

Your home set in a garden paradise.
Feel it. Enjoy it. Live it.

FORBESWOOD HEIGHTS

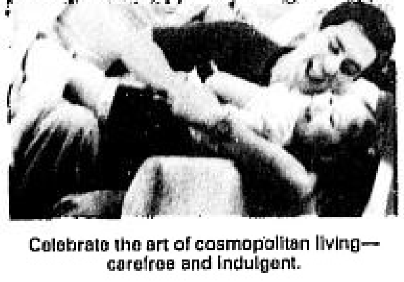
LUXURY GARDEN RESIDENCES

Come Home to Paradise.

Welcome to the private, gated enclave of Forbeswood Heights. The home you've always wanted for yourself and your loved ones—an idyllic community enriched with amenities of impeccable detail, designed to relax the mind and thrill the senses. Where your kids can frolic amid the fresh, clean air of the themed playground. Delight in the vista of well-sculpted lawns, leaf-dappled promenades and shrubberies bright with exotic blooms. Unfold your winning form at the tennis court. Freshen up at the swimming pool. Spend the day shopping or the night partying at the Forbes Town Road. While the glorious greenscape of the Manila Golf course leaves you spellbound, every single day. Forbeswood Heights. Well-crafted homes blending with the easy ambience of its breathtaking landscape. Spectacular. Serene. Secure. Pampering you with a lifestyle that borders on the legendary.

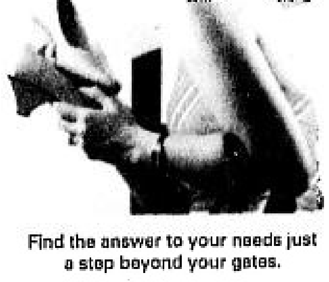

EDSA
Kalayaan
Flyover
Mckinley Road
FORBESWOOD HEIGHTS
LUXURY GARDEN RESIDENCES
Manila Golf
and Country
Club
Forbes
Park
Manila
Polo
Club
BONIFACIO
GLOBAL CITY

An illustrious location right next to the Manila Golf and Country Club, Forbes Park and Manila Polo Club



Celebrate the art of cosmopolitan living—carefree and indulgent.

Play to your heart's content in a lush condominium resort setting.



Find the answer to your needs just a step beyond your gates.

A Luxury Residential Development of:

BONIFACIO WEST

BONIFACIO WEST DEVELOPMENT CORP.

and

MEGAWORLD CORPORATION
www.megaworldcorp.com

SHOWROOM OPEN DAILY FROM 8:30 AM TO 7 PM.
FOR VIEWING APPOINTMENT, CALL

867-8868 • 867-8888

2/F The World Centre, 330 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City • Fax: (632) 867-8028 • E-mail: sales@megaworldcorp.com

For Announcement Purposes Only.

SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8, 2002
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
C1
For feedback, text us at (0918)917-5026 or email us at lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph
Sunday LIFESTYLE
Chelo Banal-Formoso, Editor

ADVERTISING
OFFERS
pana
TRUTH IN ADVERTISING
4 YEARS
CHOICES
CELEBRATE AD MONTH SEPTEMBER 2002

LEISURE FARMS
A SECOND HOME FOR THE WEEKEND FARMER
Call 807-8496
more on the Sunday Inquirer Magazine (pages 3, 4 and 5)

DANIEL'S white living room

ARCHITECT Daniel Romualdez

Magazine devotes 10 pages to Filipino architect

FILIPINO in House & Garden magazine. In the September 2002 issue of House & Garden, renowned Filipino architect **Daniel Romualdez**'s Manhattan townhouse was featured in a 10-page spread. In the magazine, he speaks about his 3,000-sq ft home, modern architectural style and artworks. He was featured last year in US Vogue, in an interview by **Hamish Bowles**.

It's great to know that Filipinos are making their mark all over the world, and a welcome source of pride especially when we are bombarded by negative publicity all the time! Check out the fantastic interiors in House & Garden's pages.

T'NT
TRENDS &
TRENDINGS

Anton San Diego

Must-have beauty accessories from Essences. Dropped by my favorite shopping place: Essences at Rustan's. It's always a pleasure to go there since they always have great and new stuff. Also nice to lounge in the Tea Bar, which serves coffee, too.

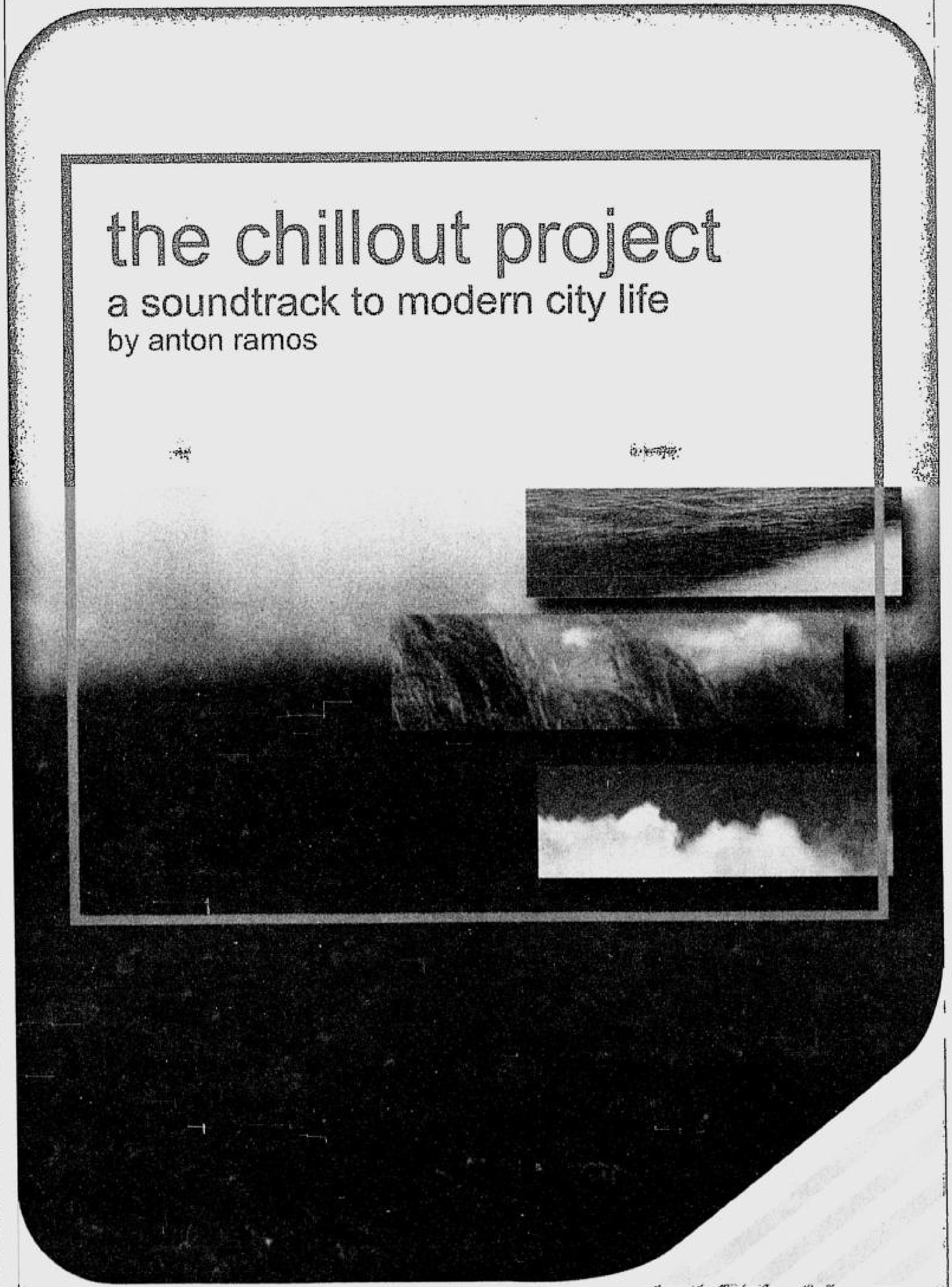
One of my personal faves is the Acca Kappa toothbrush and toothpaste. They have been in existence for over 100 years, and is the favorite of celebrities like STC's **Sarah Jessica Parker** and the late **JFK Jr.** While I was there, I just had to ogle their newest lines, which are advertised in foreign magazines. I was amazed to find them at Essences.

Try out Caudalie, which uses grapes as the major ingredient; makeup by **Paula Dorf**, a favorite of Hollywood stars; as well as Laura Mercier, T. Le Clerc and Diego dalla Palma. I was pleasantly surprised that they also have a day spa providing facials and massages in an A+ setting.

This is why I really enjoy going to Essences: there's always something new and you get access to fantastic products from around the world!

MAGAZINE / p.C3

EXPRESS ADVICE
Still lining up for hours to pay those bills?
Discover **BPI Check-Free Payments.** Pay your bills at your convenience through the Express Teller ATM, Express Phone and Express Online. To enroll, call 89-100.
Check-Free
BPI EXPRESS TELLER
The fully-loaded ATM card.
express teller



Simply blissful

the chillout project
a soundtrack to modern city life
by anton ramos

SMART MUSIC LINK
Download a logo, picture message, or ringtone for a chance to win The Chillout Project CD!

SMART Simply Amazing!

Or if you choose to buy the CD from any Tower Records or Music One outlet, you can:
- Get ₱50 off on The Chillout Project CD when you use SMART Money to pay.
- Get another ₱50 off when you present a downloaded The Chillout Project logo.
- Use SMART Money and present the logo to get ₱100 off on the CD and get two free tickets* to the exclusive The Chillout Project album launch/party at Mati (Power Plant Mall, Rockwell) on Sept. 27, 2002.

To get help on keywords:
Key in **HELP** and send to **209.**

To join the game:
Key in **CHILL** and send to **209.**

To register to Music Link:
Key in **MUSIC** and send to **209.**

*Available until Sept. 25, 2002 only.

For questions, comments, or concerns, you may call the SMART Hotline at 888-1111, send a text message to 888 (₱1.00 per message sent in excess of the FREE TEXT allocation), e-mail us at customercare@smart.com.ph, or visit the SMART Wireless Center nearest you.

SONY MUSIC
TOWER
See flyers for details Promo ends on Sept. 30, 2002. Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 3656, Series of 2002.

the chillout project

LOGOS
the chillout project
CHILLOUT1
chillout
CHILLOUT2
chillout
CHILLOUT3
chillout
CHILLOUT4
chillout
CHILLOUT5
Key in
LOGO <keyword>
and send to **209.**

PICTURE MESSAGES
the chillout project
CHILLOUT1
chillout
CHILLOUT2
chillout
CHILLOUT3
chillout
CHILLOUT4
chillout
CHILLOUT5
Key in
PIC <keyword>
and send to **209.**

RINGTONES
To download regular tones:
Key in
TONE <keyword>
and send to **209.**
To download polytones:
Key in
MMS <keyword>
<7650 or T68>
and send to **209*.**
- **Longing (All I Hear)** by AR Presents Swim keyword: ***longing***
- **Bombay Night Of Dreams** by Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra keyword: ***bombaynyt***
- **Low Sun** by Chicane keyword: ***lowsun***

TRUE CONFESSIONS
Do you have music-related secrets you desperately want to share with somebody? Text it to 209 and it will be sent to an unknown confesser. In return, you'll receive a confession from another anonymous person.
Key in
CHILL <confession>
and send to **209.**
EX: CHILL I hate boy bands

All image and ringtones are ₱15.00 each.
All other text messages are ₱2.50 each.
*Available only for Nokia 7650 and Ericsson T68I MMS-enabled phones.
To activate your MMS function, key in SET MMS and send to 211.

STEPHANIE Zubiri, Marco and Martin de Guzman and Emma Lyn Policarpio

KORINA Sanchez and Emma Rose Policarpio

JOHN and Berna Defensor with Nel Gatmaitan

Gone fishing

TEESAW

Raul Teehankee

A DAZZLING display of blue marlins, swordfishes, sailfishes and barracuda in taxidermic adorn the walls of Somethin' Fishy, that restaurant on Eastwood Walk in Libis that serves sumptuous seafood, which had its blessing Monday.

There's a story behind all those wall adornments. Those fishes were actually caught by the proud resto owners, **Emma Rose Policarpio, Lito Balquedra, Louie Abiva** and friends, who form an exclusive clique of big-game fishermen and women. It is their way of saying, "We know our fishes so don't expect less from our seafood dishes."

It was a star-studded crowd of politicians, celebrities and the social set who devoured salmon and tuna sashimis, grilled swordfish and braised squids, washed down with Jose Cuervo tequila shots and JW Black on the rocks.

The more than 300 guests included Senators **Frank Drilon, Loren Legarda-Leviste, Noli de Castro** and **Kiko Pangilinan, Ruffa Gutierrez, Cogie Domingo, Stephanie Zubiri, Bengy** and **Monique Toda** and **Bu Madrigal Warns.**

MOJO Javier and Jeffrey Hidalgo

BOBBY Yan

BAMBI Quema Bagatsing

SEN. Loren Legarda-Leviste

INDAY Badiday

MONIQUE and Bengy Toda

MIKE Huang and Aimee Murillo

RAMON Monzon, Biboy Enriquez, Iryne Garcia, Diana Manglapus and Lorraine Schuck

Gina de Venecia throws 'thank you' party for the press

WHEN it comes to diplomacy, no one tops the "queen of nice" herself, Manay Gina de Venecia, president of the Congressional Spouses Foundation Inc. (CSFI).

Just recently, she threw a fellowship luncheon at her Dasmariñas abode for her friends in the media, as a way of saying "thank you" for their support in her projects, specifically the ones that deal with abused women and children.

In true Manay Gina fashion, she prepared the best local dishes as only a true-blue Bicolana can, with few samplings of her and Speaker Joe de V's native Pangasinan fare, of course.

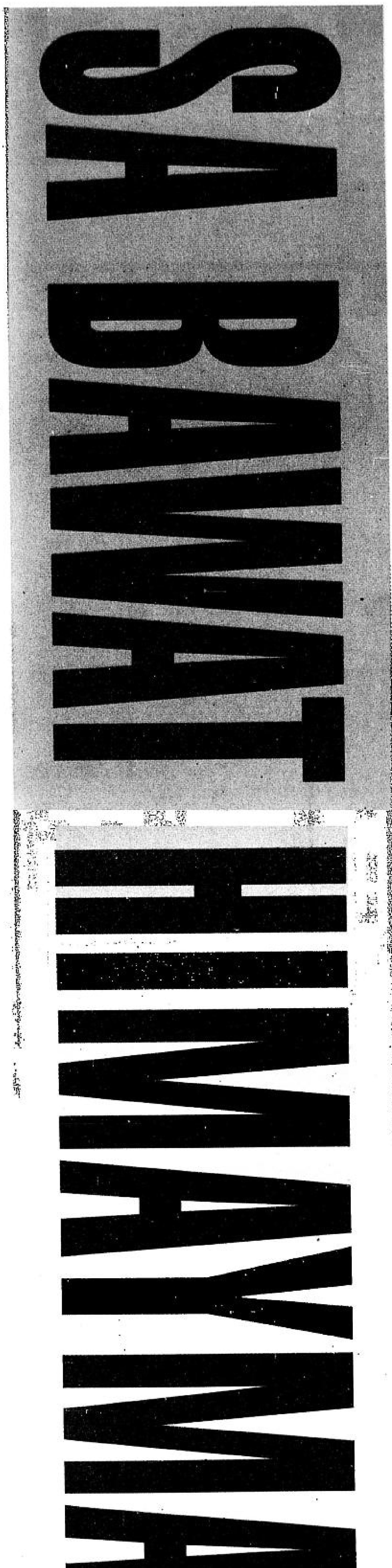
The sumptuous buffet, personally supervised by Gina, consisted of palate-tempting dishes, like *laing*, *relyenong alimango*, *kare-kare*, fried *daing* (Bonuan *bangus*), pork *binagoongan*, prawns (*halabos*), Calasiao *bijon*, *nilatikan*, rice cakes and chicken *adobo*, which was cooked using the recipe of her own mom, Nene Vera Perez.

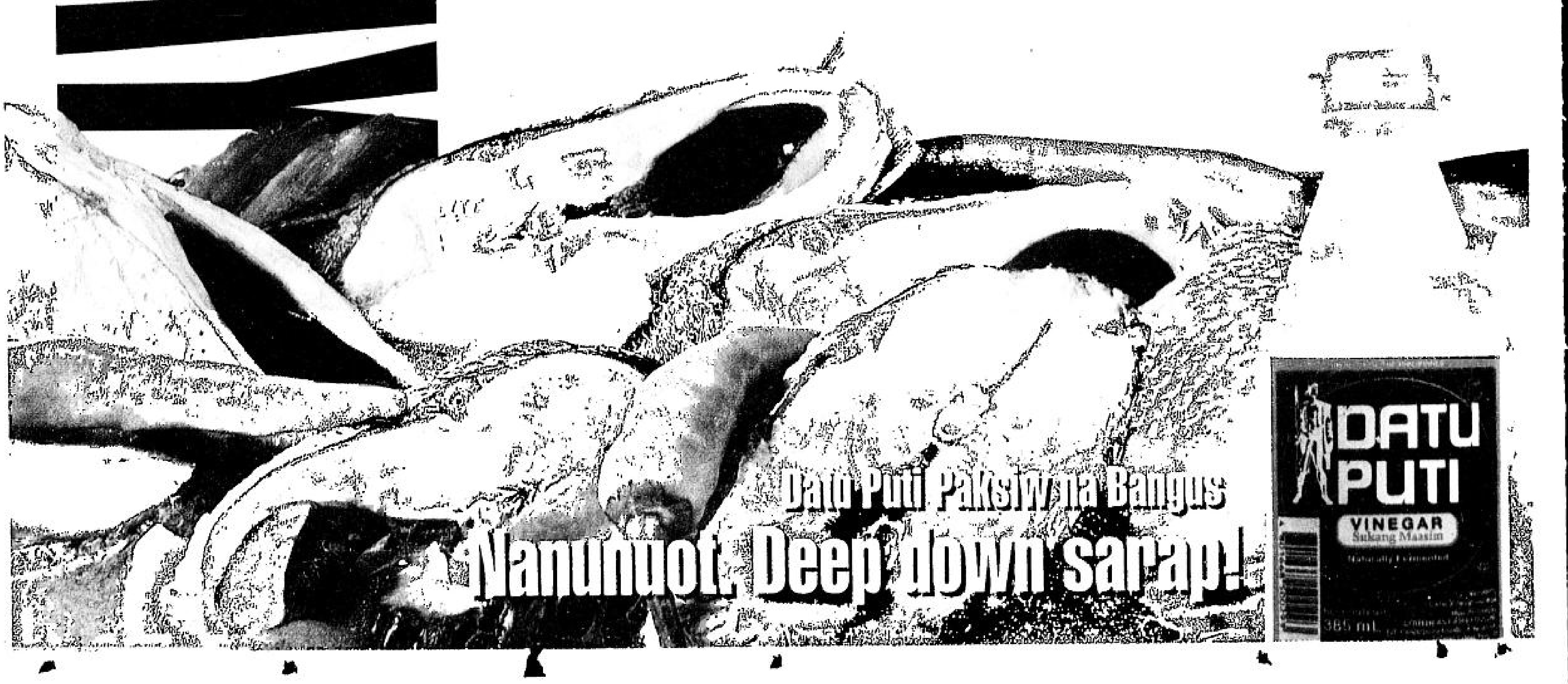
For years now, Gina has been involved in championing the cause of the abused. As president of CSFI, she built The Haven for the rehabilitation of abused women. The facility will celebrate its seventh anniversary on Sept. 30. It has already helped close to 5,000 battered women.

At present, Gina is spearheading the construction of The Haven for Children in Muntinlupa City. Once finished, the house will rehabilitate street children until they are ready to rejoin mainstream society as productive citizens.

(standing, from left) **CRISPINA** Belen, Mandy Navasero, Speaker Joe de Venecia and Gina de Venecia, Chit Pedrosa, Maurice Arcache, Ellen Tordesillas and Domini Torrevillas; (seated) Aida Sevilla Mendoza, Chai Santiago, Nelly Sindayen and Gilbert Perez

GINA de Venecia and Eggie Apostol





Magazine devotes 10 pages . . .

From page C1

Monaco Hottie—Step aside **Prince William**, there's another royal who can claim the title "most eligible and handsome prince." **Andrea Casiraghi** is the son of **Princess Caroline** of Monaco (now married to **Prince Ernst** of Hanover) and the late **Stefano Casiraghi**. Since his father was not a royal, the only way he could inherit the title would be if he was adopted into the royal family, either by his uncle, **Prince Albert**, or by his grandfather, **Prince Rainier**, to make him a Grimaldi. He will be third in line of succession. Andrea, who was named one of People magazine's 50 Most Beautiful People, attends Lycee Jeanne d'Arc, Saint Aspais, a private school in Fontaine-bleau, France.

9 T'nT random thoughts

I was down with the flu for one whole week. So what do you do when you're stuck in bed and feeling sorry for yourself? Watch some TV. Here are some thoughts I had in my incapacitated state.

- **"The Weakest Link"**—I am sorry but the new host doesn't seem to cut it. I think he is the weakest link. Goodbye…

- **MTV's interview with Spandau Ballet**—I was shocked to see members of my fave '80s band looking, well… so granddaddy-ish. I remember all their hits like "Gold" and "True" and how good-looking they were. So instead of feeling bad for my former musical heroes, I imagined myself winning the Jaguar that MTV was giving away. Imagine, just by watching, you can finally get a dream car. As a side note, isn't **Donita Rose** the most beautiful woman on television?

- **Star-studded**—Have you noticed that Channels 2 and 7 have almost all the movie stars in their soap operas? Who else don't they have? I think they should change the soap titles to "We have this star, can you top that?"

- **Sick of "Jologs" music**—As much as I like the theme song of the movie "Jologs," I have now reached a point where I feel the song is downright annoying rather than cool. It plays probably every five minutes in one of ABS-CBN's affiliated stations. It's like the song "Mickey," or that name song (think: "Mo mo banana na fo fo," something like that). It starts out cool but after you've heard it a couple of times, you will want to shut off the TV.

- **Looking for Storck**—It's amazing what the street vendors are selling these days. I remember that, as a child, I always wanted to buy those sugarcoated orange-flavored treats (I was a fat kid). The other day, I was looking for some Storck (the original green mint ones) but the vendors seemed not to be selling them any more. Instead, the street peddlers were offering Nokia battery chargers and even office supplies. Who says there is no progress in this country?

FOYER leading to living room is separated by leather doors.

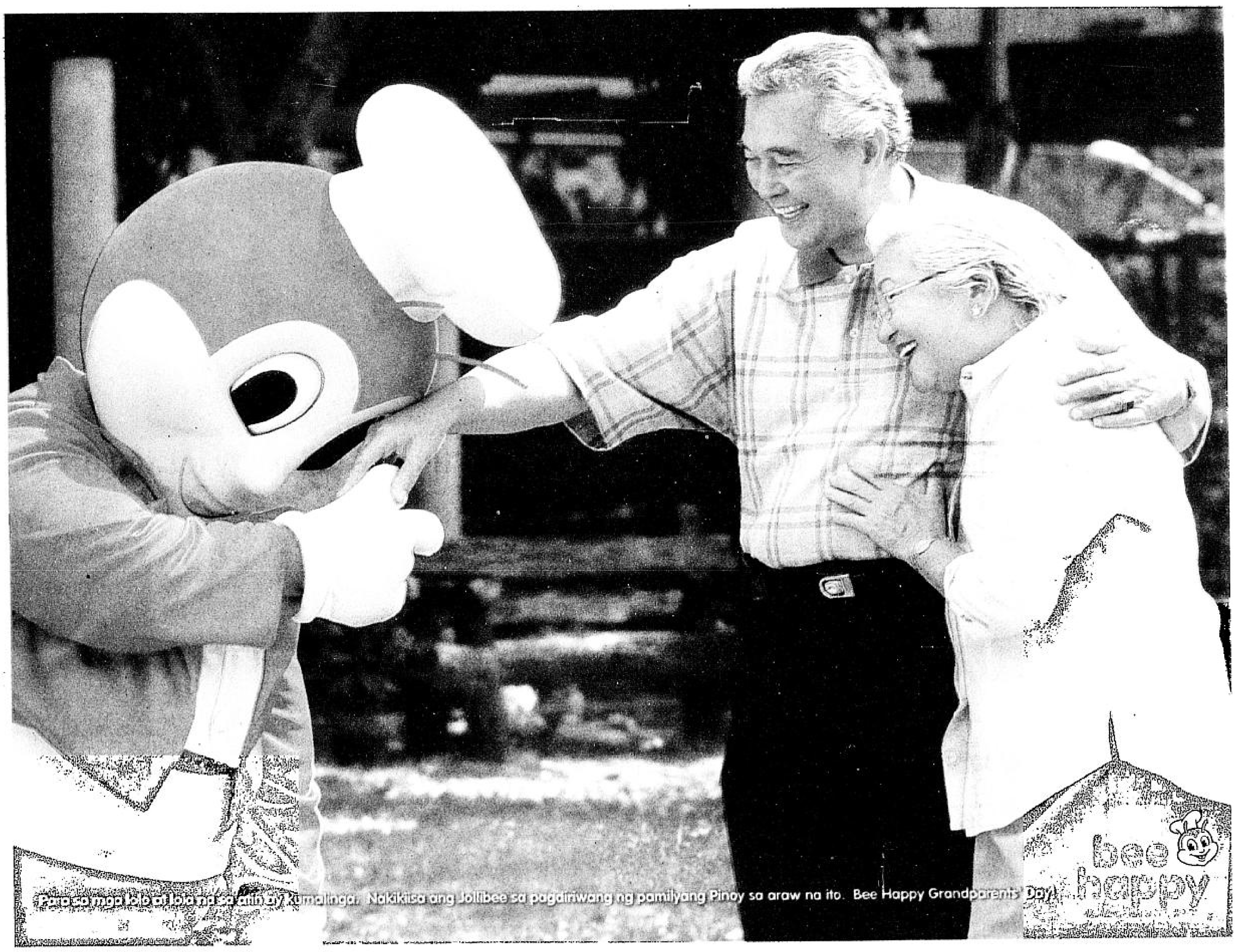
- **Blackout = Coup**. To a certified insomniac, it's a rare treat to sleep before midnight. One day last week, I was able to catch some extra ZZZs. Then an unfortunate thing happened: a blackout in my place. Even in my sleepy state, the first thing that came to mind was, "Is there a coup?" I realized that it's so sad to be thinking this way. I am hoping that, in my lifetime, such thoughts—and fears—will disappear. Wishful thinking?

- **US Open replay**—I have been watching the US Open in Star Sports and, because of the call of nature (had to go to the bathroom), I woke up at about 3 a.m. I turned on the TV to catch a **Lleyton Hewitt** and **Andy Roddick** match. (My personal favorite to win this year is either Roddick or **Pete Sampras**.) I followed the game till 5 a.m., only to be disappointed that Roddick lost. I was so upset I couldn't get back to sleep. After a minute or so, the announcer said it was a replay. Don't you hate that? I guess that's why my flu lasted more than a week; even when I wanted to rest, I couldn't!

- **Some unsightly stores**—Greenbelt is getting its share of foot traffic and, along with The Podium, it is probably the best-looking mall now. But nothing in the world is perfect, so here are some observations: Greenbelt's stores look great (think: Firma, Pineapple, **Raul Francisco**'s Carbon, etc.) but some appear like they opened in such a rush they forgot to add décor. Get on with the program, owners! In The Podium, the only things needed are a good bookstore and magazine shop.

- **Troubled by the extradition of 80,000 Filipinos from Malaysia**, plus reports that some women were raped and used as sex slaves. Despite being a nation with very little appreciation for being a Filipino, I hope something will be done to prove to the world that inhumane treatments like this cannot be tolerated and that we are worth fighting for. We need to stand for our self-worth!

E-mail the author at asd_world@hotmail.com


Para sa mga lolo at lola na sa atin ay Kumalinga. Nakikiisa ang Jollibee sa pagdiriwang ng pamilyang Pinoy sa araw na ito. Bee Happy Grandparents' Day!
bee happy

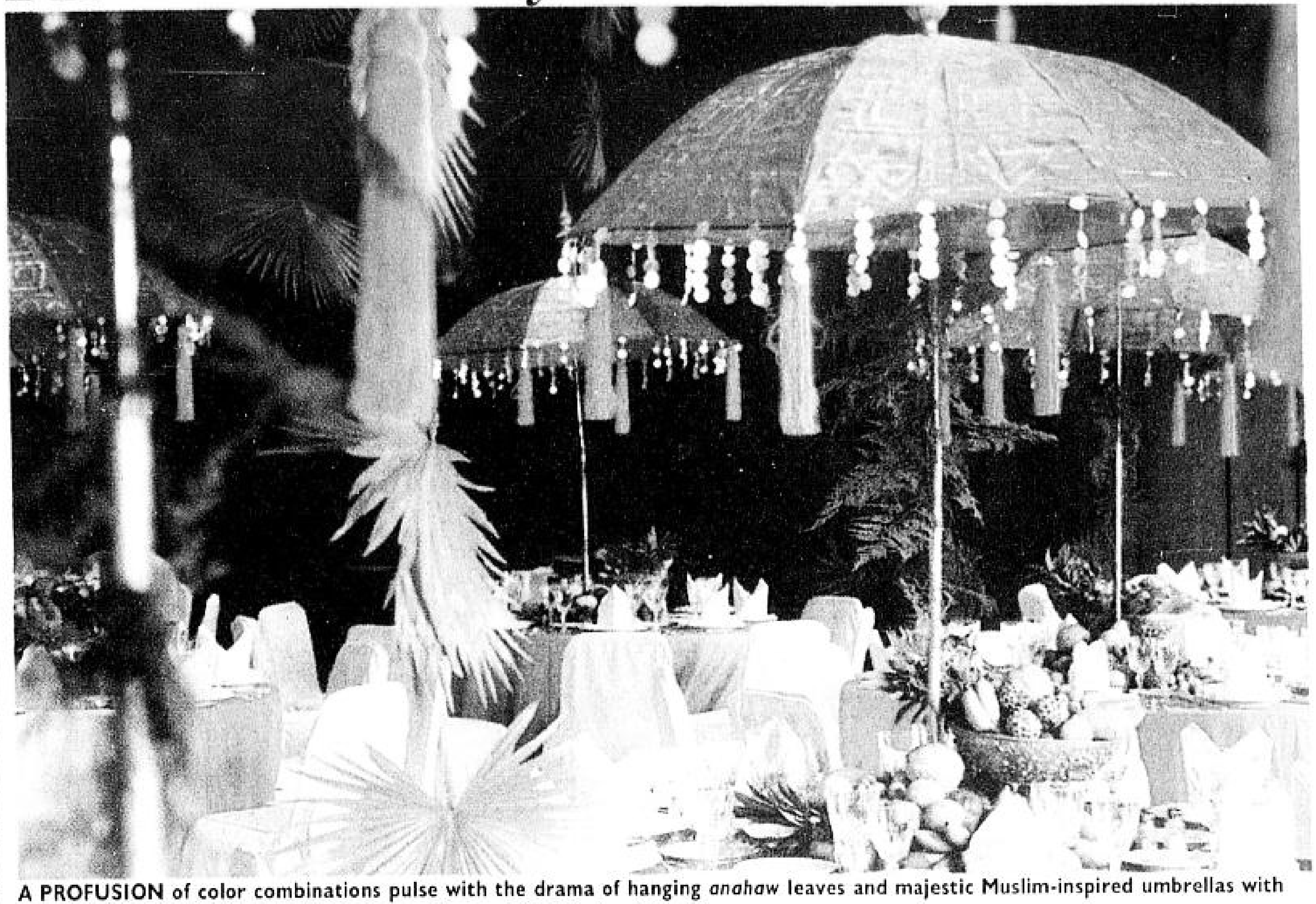
Text in the City

puwedeng-puwede! Sa 200 stalls ng **Greenhills Cellphones & Gadgets Fair**.

Mahilig ka ba sa text? From August 16 to September 8, Greenhills Shopping Center will open 200 stalls for all cellphone lovers! So go ahead, fulfill your text fantasies dahil ngayon, within reach mo na lahat ng klase ng cellphones. Pati gadgets gaya ng PDAs at computers, meron! Dali, forward this message to your textmates and start bargain-hunting from 10am to 8pm, and up to 10pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

Greenhills Shopping Center, ang paraiso ng mga mahihilig sa text.

GREENHILLS SHOPPING CENTER



A PROFUSION of color combinations pulse with the drama of hanging *anahaw* leaves and majestic Muslim-inspired umbrellas with tassles and *capiz* beads, punctuating the deliciously fruit-laden tables.

Pinoy pomp and splendor at the Magsaysay Awards

FOR 10 years, the Philippines' one and only floral architect, Rachy Cuna, has been designing the gala dinner reception for the annual Ramon Magsaysay Award. This year's edition found Rachy putting together a Filipino thanksgiving-themed setup for the gala dinner, which was held at the Ramon Magsaysay Center Hall in Manila, following the presentation ceremonies at the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

Rachy made good use of a Muslim-inspired umbrella, complete with tassels and *capiz* beads that could be found on every table. Each table, on the other hand, was brimming with a bountiful fruit collection placed on a Muslim container.

Rachy notes, "I chose purple and orange color motifs for the dinner. For the backdrop, we stylized it based on the concept of the *vinta*. I wanted to catch the Asian spirit, so I made use of alternate color combinations of green and gold, white and gold, and so on."

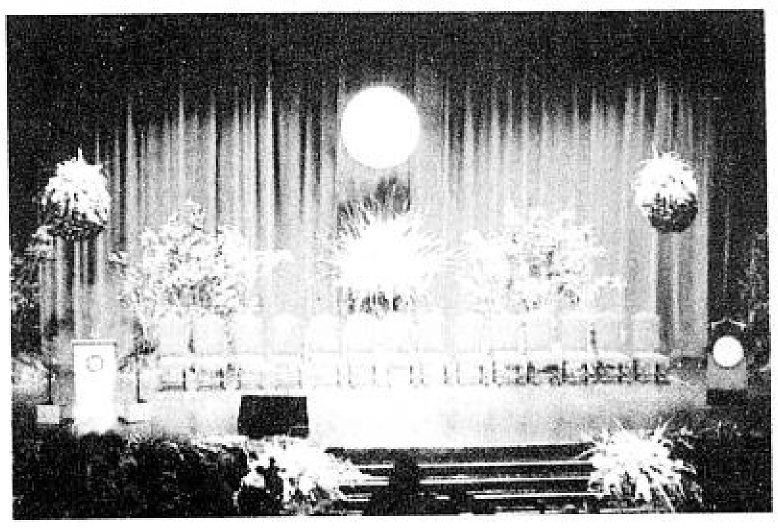
He heightened the drama—literally—by hanging *anahaw* leaves from the ceiling. For the setup at the CCP where the awarding ceremony was held, Rachy opted for a modern arrangement.

One of the best perks that come with working with the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation, Rachy says, is the space accorded to him. "They always give me the artistic freedom to create. It's a designer's dream to be given a free hand to create my fantasies. Of course, it is equally important for me to get to know the characters of the awardees."

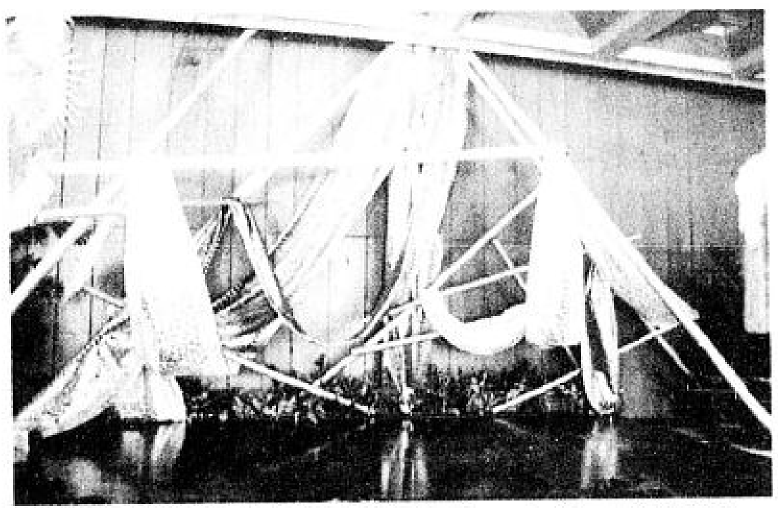
He recalls an unforgettably exciting chapter of the awards. He says, "It was the year when the Princess of Thailand won the Magsaysay Award. I tried to make an Asian theme. At that time, I used tropical flowers, which are an entirely different thing compared to what the princess expected. I mean, what can you offer the Thai princess? But the awards organizers still gave me the freedom to do what I think suits the occasion, and that has always inspired me."

Truth to be told, Rachy is on an inspired run these days. Not only has he gathered raves for his Magsaysay Award reception, he is also doing "Floral Rhapsody" and the second Rachy Cuna Cup on Sept. 15. For the former, Rachy is helping conduct a workshop with Asian florists on flower-arrangement techniques.

The highly anticipated Rachy Cuna Cup will again give away prizes to amateur and professional florists to promote floral excellence.



EFFERVESCENT. Simple elegance, fragrance and lightness complemented the solemnity of this year's ceremonies.

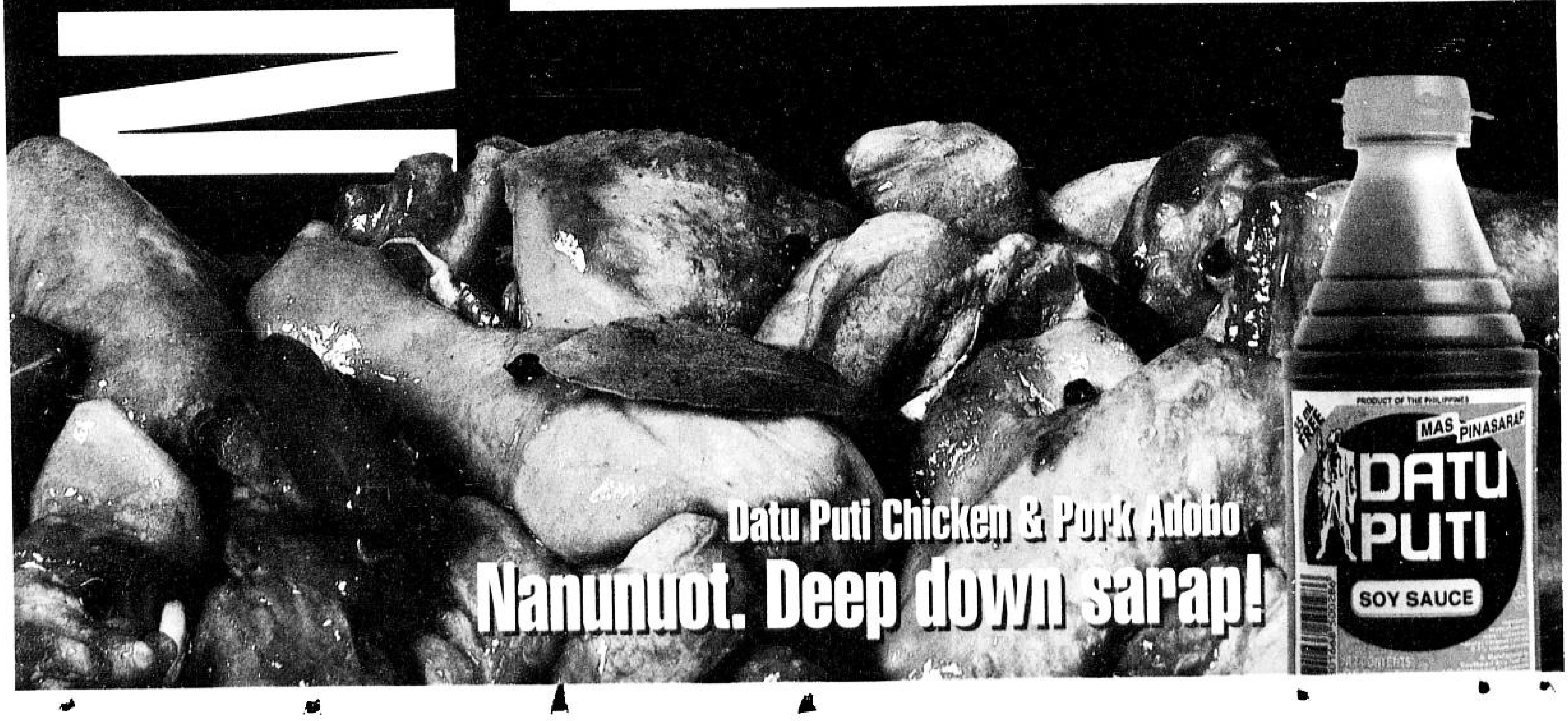


CAPTURING THE ASIAN SPIRIT. At the gala dinner following the conferment of the Ramon Magsaysay Award on the 2002 Magsaysay laureate, color combinations of green, gold, white, purple, orange and green pulse with the drama of a stylized *vinta* backdrop and *anahaw* leaves hanging from the ceiling.

Rachy Cuna whips up a melange of Asia and the Philippines in toasting the best of Asian minds and hearts

INSPIRED. Floral architect Rachy Cuna has been designing the gala dinner receptions of the annual Ramon Magsaysay Award for 10 years and has not repeated any concept.

TAGOS SA LAMAN



Datu Puti Chicken & Pork Adobo
Nanunuot. Deep down sarap!
PRODUCT OF THE PHILIPPINES
FREE
MAS PINASARAP
DATU PUTI
SOY SAUCE

Nestlé MILO
Bear Brand
Carnation Non Fat Milk
Coffee-mate
NIDO
NIDO Fortified
NIDO
NIDO
NESCAFÉ
Nestea
NESLAC
Nestlé Wheat & Banana
Nestlé Rice Meals
NESCAFÉ Gold
Chocolate
NESCAFÉ Frothé
LIBERTY
Alpine
Carnation
Milkmaid
Nestlé Calcium Plus
MILO
Nestlé Fresh Milk
Nestlé Low Fat Milk
Nestlé Corn Flakes
Trix
Cookie Crisp
STARS
Koko Krunch
Nestlé Calcium Almond Clusters
Frutina
MILO
Honey Gold Flakes
Nestlé Calcium Hazelnut Clusters
STAR WARS
Maggi
Pancit Canton
Savor
Tahoy
Nestlé Cream
NESCAFÉ
Nesvita

Bangon na't sumali!

Mag-Nestlé Almusal

Gising Milyonaryo

Isang label lang, may entry na.
Puwede ka nang maging isa sa

20 MILYONARYO!

Magmadali! Hanggang September 30
lang ang deadline ng entries.

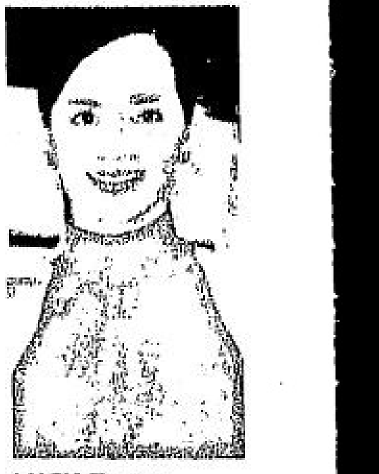
₱30 MILLION TOTAL PRIZES

Per DOH-BFAD Permit No. 0541 Series of 2002

SAGAD SA BUT

TITO Herbosa, Lulu Tan Gan, Tonichi Nocum and Maricar Totengco

MODELS Chriscel Agudo (as Miranda Hobbes) and Annette Coronel-Cruz (as Samantha Jones)



LUCY Torres-Gomez

Sexy people in the city

By Cheche V. Moral

IT WAS a nippy drizzly night, but there was no dousing the fiery hot mood at the Power Plant Mall when the metro's "Sex"-charged Carries, Samanthas, Mirandas and Charlottes (with Bigs and Aidans—and some Treys, Steves and Richards, too—in tow) converged and plunged into endless glasses of cosmopolitans (and other cocktails with suggestive names like Between the Sheets) for the opening of the "Sex and the City"-inspired fashion-photo exhibit of top lensman Jun de Leon.

Metro and Guide magazines and HBO Asia pooled their creative resources together for this unique event that heralded the highly anticipated final episodes of the sensational HBO series.

"Who are you? I'm Carrie!" said Caroline Wong, HBO Asia's marketing communications director, welcoming the crowd.

"The series' popularity in the entire region is just unbelievable," said Angie Tan, PR manager for HBO Asia. "In Bangkok, we had a 'Sex and the City'-themed fashion show."

Metro's editorial team picked four models that best embodied the stylish and sexy characters of the series, and clothed them in Store Specialist Inc.'s luxury brands for De Leon's camera.

KATRINA Tantoco and friend

"Doing this was so much fun," De Leon said of his 26-piece exhibit. "I love women! I love the smell, the look, I love everything about women." There was no arguing that, as in his arms was his muse, statuesque model-wife Abbygale Arenas, and their son Irijah.

Before the "Sex" philes got completely à-la-Carrie-in-the-Vogue-offices intoxicated, they queued up to the mall's cinema for a preview of the series' last four episodes. They went home satiated, at least temporarily, because if anything, the event only fueled more their appetite for "Sex."

It's an agonizingly tortuous wait ahead, as HBO Asia is not "putting out" until next year. Meantime, they'd have to settle for reruns. (Oh well, ask any fan and chances are, she'll say, "Sex" is better than no "Sex" at all.)

JUN de Leon and son Irijah with Caroline Wong and Angie Tan of HBO Asia

LINO Cayetano and model Diana Van Walsum, the event's Carrie Bradshaw

ABS-CBN Publishing Inc. president Ernie Lopez

Outstanding Bulakeños to be honored

WHILE Bulacan is one of the provinces that have the shortest travel time to Manila, it is also one that has the longest history to speak of. And yet, there's more to this first-class province with about 2.2 million in population than its heroes and revolutions. First and foremost, the Bulakeño is this province's pride.

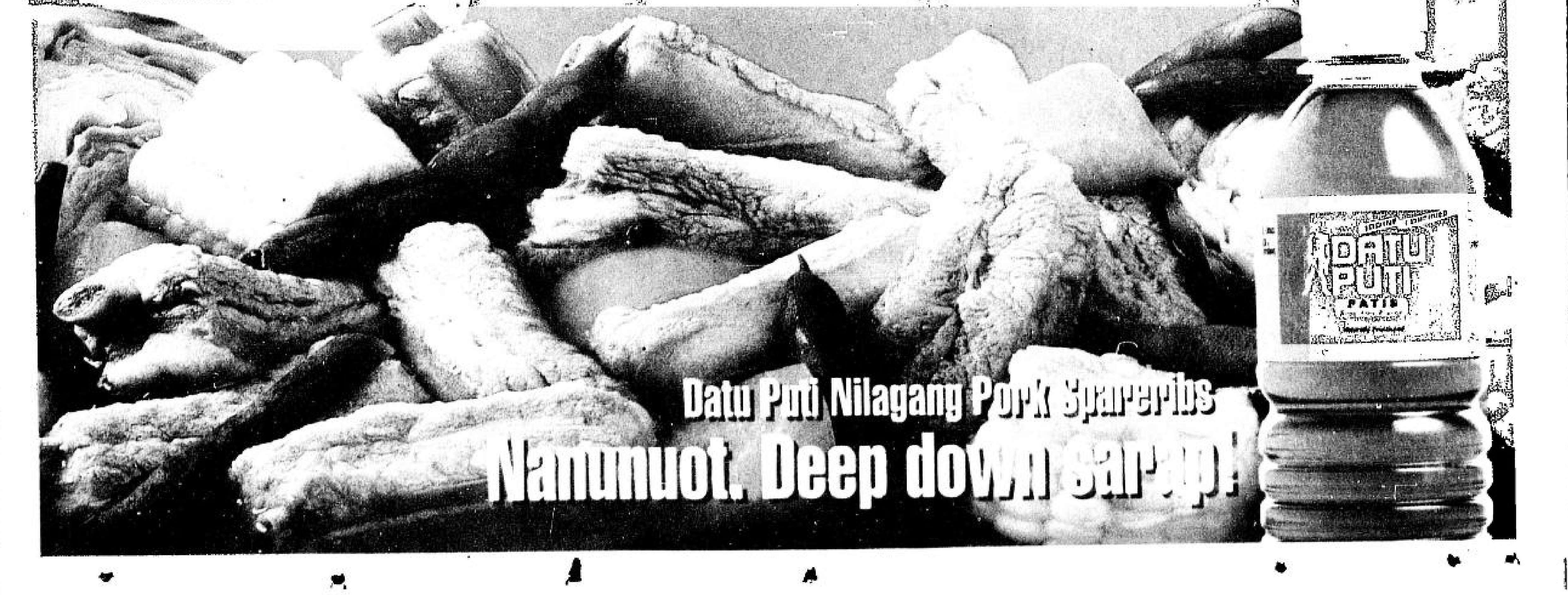
"The Bulakeño has proven that he can excel not only in our country but also abroad. We have a lot of *kababayans* who have been recognized for their work, and that is a source of pride for our province," says Bulacan Governor Josie Mendoza de la Cruz.

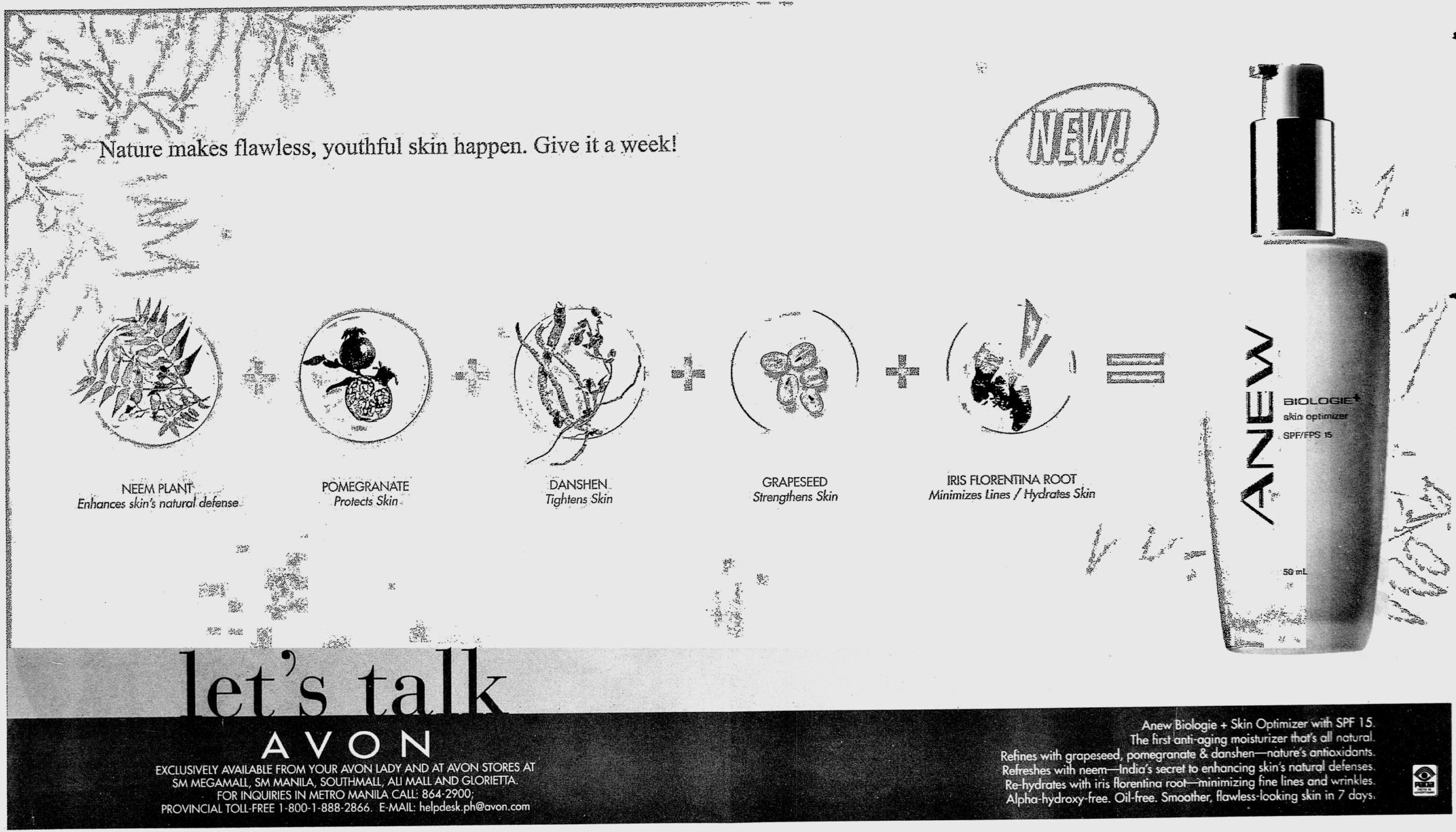
To be a Bulakeño, says Gov. De La Cruz, is to be in the company of heroes like Marcelo H. Del Pilar, Gregorio del Pilar and Mariano Ponce, at least seven National Artists—Guillermo Tolentino (visual arts), Atang de la Rama (theater), Amado V. Hernandez (literature), Francisco Reyes-Aquino (dance), Antonino Buenaventura (music), Gerry de Leon (film) and Hernani Cuenco (music); other heroes of Philippine art—Nicanor Abelardo, Jose Corazon de Jesus, Francisco Balagtas and Francisco Santiago; and contemporary ones—like former President Corazon Aquino (who, believe it or not, also has Bulakeña roots!), Sen. Juan Flavier, Foreign Affairs Secretary Blas Ople, former Cabinet Secretary Vicente Rivera, international designer Josie Natori, entertainers Joey de Leon and Dolphy, radio's grand dame Dely Magpayo, musician Eddie Katindig, sportsmen Dante Silverio, Vergel Meneses and Lydia de Vega, and singers Jamie Rivera and Regine Velasquez.

This year, in celebration of Linggo ng Bulakan on Sept. 8-15, the Provincial Government honors nine Bulakeños who have excelled in their respective fields in "Dangal ng Lipi 2002."

The honorees are: civic worker Virgilio R. Angelo of Malolos (public service); Fr. Ricardo M. Moraga of Malolos (community service); Sr. Carmeli Ma. Catan, OSA, president of the University of Regina Carmeli (education); Dr. Candida B. Adalla of Norzagaray, dean of the College of Agriculture, UP Los Baños (science and technology); painter Jose Gregorio Marasigan of Paombong (arts and culture); businessman Jose V. Hernandez Jr. of Hagonoy, owner of Milko Ice Cream (entrepreneurship); Dr. Rechilda I. Rosales of Meycauayan, operations manager or the Rosales Group of Companies (trade and industry); dermatologist Dr. Isabel Lopez-Nazal of Calumpit (professional); and overseas worker Antonio Bautista of Baliuag.

With the theme "Kakayahan at Galing ng Bulakenyo, Maipagmamalaki ng Lahing Pilipino," the week-long celebration also includes a food festival to be participated in by restaurants, canteens and catering services which are either based in Bulacan or owned by Bulakeños (Sept. 15, 9 a.m., Barasoain Church); Bulakeño Artists Exhibit to be participated in by artists from Lakansining ng Bulacan, Bahaghari ng Malolos, Paombong Art Circle, Hagonoy Art Group, Baliwag Art Association, Sining Obando, Sta. Maria Batingaw Art Circle and Artes Indios ng Sapangpalay; a Toy Band competition (Sept. 9, 1 p.m., Bulacan Capitol Gym); Aerial Fireworks Display Competition (Sept. 9, 7 p.m., Bulacan Sports complex, Sta. Isabel, Malolos); Night Market in Poblacion, Baliuag (Sept. 9-15, 4 p.m.-12 mn); "Paligsahan ng may K," a paralympics for the disabled (Sept. 10, 8 a.m., Bulacan Sports Complex); street dancing (Sept. 13, 8 a.m., from the Capitol to Barasoain); Lakan at Lakambini (Sept. 12, 7 p.m. Halili Gym, Sta. Maria); Jobs Fair (Sept. 13, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Provincial Capitol).





Nature makes flawless, youthful skin happen. Give it a week!

NEW!

NEEM PLANT
Enhances skin's natural defense

+

POMEGRANATE
Protects Skin

+

DANSHEN
Tightens Skin

+

GRAPESEED
Strengthens Skin

+

IRIS FLORENTINA ROOT
Minimizes Lines / Hydrates Skin

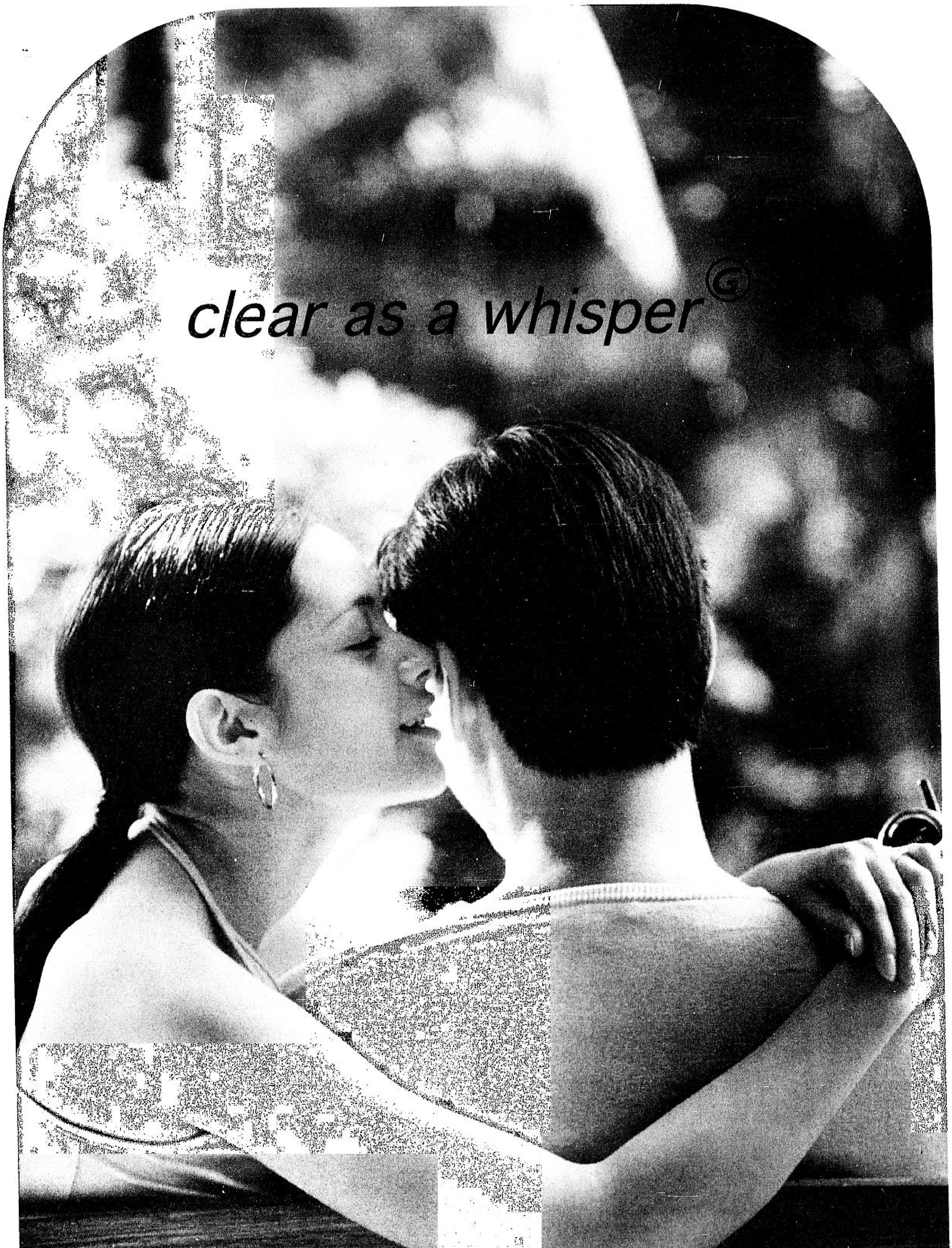
=

ANEW
BIOLOGIE+
skin optimizer
SPF/FPS 15
50 mL

let's talk
AVON

EXCLUSIVELY AVAILABLE FROM YOUR AVON LADY AND AT AVON STORES AT
SM MEGAMALL, SM MANILA, SOUTHMALL, ALI MALL AND GLORIETTA.
FOR INQUIRIES IN METRO MANILA CALL: 864-2900;
PROVINCIAL TOLL-FREE 1-800-1-888-2866. E-MAIL: helpdesk.ph@avon.com

Anew Biologie + Skin Optimizer with SPF 15.
The first anti-aging moisturizer that's all natural.
Refines with grapeseed, pomegranate & danshen—nature's antioxidants.
Refreshes with neem—India's secret to enhancing skin's natural defenses.
Re-hydrates with iris florentina root—minimizing fine lines and wrinkles.
Alpha-hydroxy-free. Oil-free. Smoother, flawless-looking skin in 7 days.



No one is more dedicated to network quality than Globe.

We understand that keeping close to your loved ones is important to you. That's why we make sure you get great network quality when you text or call. So you enjoy fast connections, clear conversations and less dropped calls. No wonder there are more people on Globe plans than on any other network. Text PLANS to 2365, call Globe Direct at 751-8888 or visit any of the Globe Business Centers nationwide to get a G plan now!

making great things possible Globe HANDYPHONE

For feedback, text us at (0918)917-5026 or email us at lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph

Sunday LIFESTYLE

Weddings & Engagements

The wedding of Dong Co and Cilette Liboro could have sent the market abuzz if it happened on a trading day

A merger of two hearts

A MERGER it was. What word would be more appropriate to describe the union of two of the most well-known personalities in the stockbrokerage industry? With some of the prime movers of the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) and captains of industry in attendance, the wedding of Emmanuel Edward Co and Maria Victoria Cilette Liboro could have sent the market abuzz if it happened on a trading day.

But the solemn rites were held one overcast Sunday afternoon in July at the Santuario de San Jose in Greenhills. It augured well for the couple's new and most important joint venture when the skies cleared up on the day of the wedding after a day and a half of nonstop rains.

Edward—Dong to clients and friends—is president of Aurora Securities and is a former PSE governor. Cilette is director of business analysis at ABS-CBN, responsible for getting the necessary background for the business news.

Fearless forecast

Their colleagues at the Association of Securities Analysts of the Philippines (ASAP) take credit for bringing the two together. Two years ago, a group trying to revitalize the association was looking for a new member—someone intelligent, credible, well-known and preferably pretty so they could attract more members in the male-dominated field. They found the perfect candidate in Cilette.

The group noticed a sudden change in Dong's appearance and behavior when Cilette joined the group. The romance blossomed during ASAP meetings. There were flowers and exclusive dates as a serious relationship started to develop.

Before long, Dong was proposing marriage, keeping in mind his close friend Harry Liu's simple advice: "Once you've found her, never let her go." The advice earned Harry the right to become one of the *ninongs*.

With only two months to plan the wedding, Cilette personally took care of every detail, consulting Dong for major decisions. He was also excited, but was tied up managing his stockbrokerage and a thriving Blue Onion bar in Eastwood City.

Bells ringing

That overcast Sunday afternoon, the excited groom arrived well ahead of everyone. Although nervous, Dong looked dignified and handsome in an embroidered piña barong by Jay-Jay

A MERGER/ p.D6

EXPRESS ADVICE

To inquire about your deposit account balances, you can call 89-100, log on to Express Online or **simply Text Away!**

For more details on BPI SMS Banking, log on to www.bpiexpressonline.com or visit your branch of account.

BPI EXPRESS TELLER
The fully-loaded ATM card.

FREE CONSULTATION

PERMANENT HAIR REDUCTION & REMOVAL
BY LASER LIGHT
THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY
QUICK, SAFE, PAINLESS & AFFORDABLE AT INTRODUCTORY PRICE

50% OFF

50% OFF

SKIN CARE
Facial
Power Skin Peel
Chemical Peel
Body Whitening
Nonsurgical Facelift etc

SPA TREATMENTS
Aromatherapy
Body Massage
Body Polish / Scrub / Salt Glow
Body Wrap / Milk Bath
Tattooing (eyebrow & lid)
Hand / Foot / Hair Spa
Eyelash Perm
SAUNA, JACUZZI, ETC.

SLIMMING PROGRAM
G5 Massage / Slimming Sauna
Cellulite Burning Massage
Slendertser / Bioheat
Slimming Cool Wrap
Cellulite Buster Wrap
Seaweed Slim Wrap

OTHER SERVICES:
GEN. DENTISTRY & ORTHODONTICS
COSMETIC & DERMSURGERY
Noselift / Drooping Eyelid / Deepset eye
Eyebag Removal / Facelift / Bustlift
Dimple / Cleft chin / Pouty lips
Liposculpture / Hair transplant
Scar Revision / Removal of Wart, Mole etc
Spider Vein Removal / Microdermabrasion
Botox Injection, Buttocks lift, ETC

SKIN & SPA
Sanctuary of Senses...

FOR INQUIRIES: (046) 4341526 / 4340105
MON-SAT 10AM-7PM
31 Evangelista St., Mabolo, Bacoor, Cavite
MAJOR CREDIT CARDS HONORED

CENTER FOR ASIAN CULINARY STUDIES
CAFÉ YSABEL RESTAURANT
455 P. Guevarra Street, San Juan, Metro Manila
Tel. Nos. 725-5089 / 726-9326
www.cafeysabel.com
Email: cafeysabel@mydestiny.net

THE PROFESSIONAL CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM

The Professional Culinary Arts Program prepares students for a professional entry into the food service industry. This intensive program integrates classical and modern culinary techniques with kitchen management skills. Students learn how to prepare soups, sauces, vegetables, entrees, breads, pastries and desserts. They will learn how to identify, fabricate and portion meat, poultry, fish and shellfish. The course will also provide the introductory skills on Asian cooking, wine appreciation and table service.

The program is a hands-on training series for students to gain proficiency in various skills needed to perform at professional standards in a commercial kitchen. The students will also learn to prepare buffets and formal meals. The program has Internship or In-house Practicum for 200 hours and Externship or Outside Practicum for 200 hours. Enrollment includes 2 sets of uniforms, chef's kit, manual and all the ingredients to be used.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN COOKING AND BAKING SKILLS

Lessons cover all areas of basic kitchen skills: meat, fish, poultry and seafood fabrication; vegetables; pasta and other starch accompaniments and internationally accepted standards for baking. Menu planning and wine appreciation will be part of the program.

This series is intended for individuals who have no time to take a full time professional culinary program and yet would like to acquire the necessary basic skills, tools, and techniques to enable them to enter a more lucrative world of recreational and even, professional cooking and baking. This series will culminate with a lunch buffet prepared by the students and 100 hours of restaurant practicum.

The 16-day, 24 session course will be handled by working chef-restaurateurs and consultants and will be limited to 25 students. Enrollment includes ingredients, chef's jacket, manual and chef's kit.

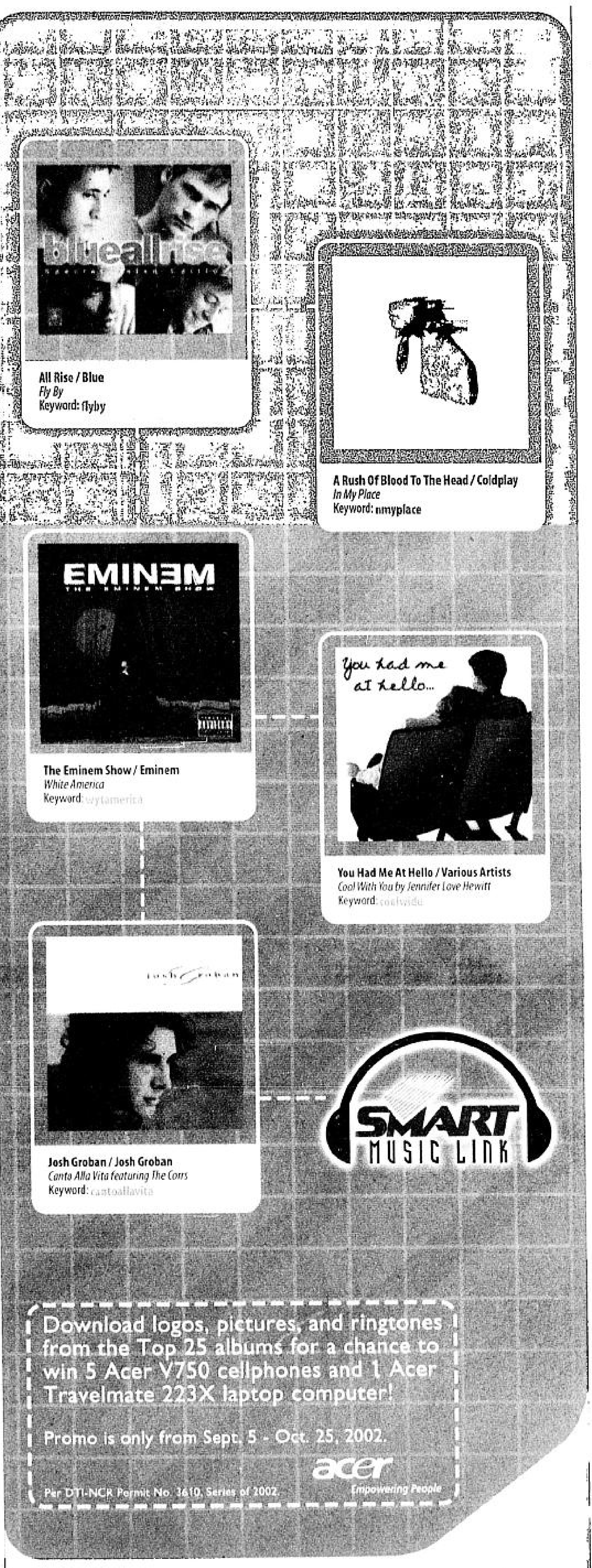
THE CAREER PASTRY AND BAKING PROGRAM

This certificate program covers basic and a professional pastry, dessert and bread applications for those who seek entry into a career as professional baker, pastry shop owner or related fields in pastry, baking supplies and even overseas purposes.

This 30 session program is a hands-on training series for students to gain proficiency in various skills needed to perform at professional standards in a commercial pastry kitchen.

The program is to be handled by well-known pastry personalities with extensive experience here and abroad. This program includes chef's jacket, baking tools, manual and all the ingredients to be used.

Simply chart-busters



All Rise / Blue
Fly By
Keyword: flyby

A Rush Of Blood To The Head / Coldplay
In My Place
Keyword: nmyplace

The Eminem Show / Eminem
White America
Keyword: wytamerica

You Had Me At Hello / Various Artists
Cool With You by Jennifer Love Hewitt
Keyword: coolwidu

Josh Groban / Josh Groban
Canta Alla Vita featuring The Corrs
Keyword: cantoallavita

SMART MUSIC LINK

Download logos, pictures, and ringtones from the Top 25 albums for a chance to win 5 Acer V750 cellphones and 1 Acer Travelmate 223X laptop computer!

Promo is only from Sept. 5 - Oct. 25, 2002.

acer Empowering People

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 3610, Series of 2002.

With SMART Music Link, you can download colored images, polyphonic and regular ringtones from the newest albums of Tower and MI!

To register, key in MUSIC and send to 209.
To download a regular ringtone, key in TONE <keyword> and send to 209.
To download the album cover and polyphonic tone, key in MMS <keyword> <7650 or T68> and send to 209*.

SMART *Simply Amazing!*

TOWER RECORDS · VIDEO · BOOKS
Top 25 Albums of the Week
MI music one

	Album	Artist	Keyword
1	Josh Groban	Josh Groban	*cantoallavita*
2	Room For Squares	John Mayer	*whygeorgia*
3	All Rise : Special Edition	Blue	*flyby*
4	Lilo & Stitch-OST		
5	Reanimation	Linkin Park	*crawling ptsfauthority*
6	A Walk To Remember-OST		
7	You Had Me At Hello	Various Artists	*coolwidu*
8	Simply The Best 60's	Various Artists	
9	Sharon 25 Years 25 Hits	Sharon Cuneta	
10	Rush Of Blood To The Head	Coldplay	*nmyplace*
11	Nellyville	Nelly	
12	Chillout Project	Various Artists	
13	Very Best Of MTV Unplugged	Various Arttists	
14	Live Series	Various Artists	
15	Ono Lisa Best 1997-2001	Lisa Ono	
16	XXX-OST		*adrenalin*
17	Come Away With Me	Norah Jones	*dontknowy*
18	Romance	Frank Sinatra	
19	By The Way	Red Hot Chili Peppers	*zephyrsong*
20	Quiet Storm: Wave 89.1	Various Artists	
21	Broadway Concert	Lea Salonga	
22	Eminem Show	Eminem	*wytamerica*
23	Forever Love	Various Artists	
24	Reigne: Revised	Regine Velasquez	
25	Joey's Moods	Various Artists	

All image and ringtones are ₱15.00 each.
All other text messages are ₱2.50 each.

*Available only for Nokia 7650 and Ericsson T68I MMS-enabled phones. To activate your MMS function, key in SET MMS and send to 211.

Powered by:
ENTERTAINMENT GATEWAY GROUP

For questions, comments, or concerns, you may call the SMART Hotline at 888-1111, send a text message to 888 (₱1.00 per message sent in excess of the FREE TEXT allocation), e-mail us at customercare@smart.com.ph or visit the SMART Wireless Center nearest you.

Our Lady of Medjugorje's invitation to prayer and holiness

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

IT has been 21 years since Our Lady first appeared to six young visionaries in Medjugorje on June 25, 1981, and still, people from all over the world are "called" to visit her.

Fr. Luis Ibasco, guest priest of Ermita Church and former rector of the seminary in Daet, Bicol, felt he was "called" to lead 14 other pilgrims who traveled to Medjugorje on April 1, Easter Monday, as spiritual chaplain.

The group arrived in the small quiet town on Easter Wednesday. After checking in their luggage at the pension, they walked to St. James Church where the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was about to begin.

Father Luis was overwhelmed. He felt an unseen force that made him fall to his knees. He began to cry. Even today, he cannot explain the experience he had. But he felt closer to the "Gospa" as the Blessed Mother is called in Croatian.

He enrolled in the Universal Living Rosary of St. Philomena, which requires a member to say one decade of the Holy Rosary assigned to him every day.

Father Luis says that Medjugorje has to be experienced. Although the apparitions have not been officially proclaimed authentic by the Church, it has been declared a sacred shrine. And Father Yusov, who was jailed for two years for supporting the apparitions, received a thank-you card from the Holy Father.

FR. Luis Ibasco reads the gospel in Filipino in St. James Church in Medjugorje.

During the international Mass where several priests read the Gospel in their own language, Father Luis read it in Filipino. The group, composed of Mario Macaraig (who was suffering from kidney disease), his wife Madelene and their six children, Amando and Linda Mirasol, Simon and Crescencia Gonzales, Juanita Sandoval and tour leader Alice Padlan were very touched.

Amando Mirasol says he felt an atmosphere of holiness. "The message of Medjugorje is a call to prayer and holiness. Whether the apparitions will be approved or not even if the Virgin Mary stops appearing, people will still come. The lives of the people in that town and those who come from all over the world are witnesses to the authenticity of the apparitions."

There are stories of conversions. One of them is Michael Murphy, who suffered a lot of pain from a slip disc. One night, he found himself climbing the Apparition Hill, where he prayed and cried. He fell asleep and woke up realizing that the Gospa loves him.

Michael went back home to the US and became a more devout Catholic. He is now a Eucharistic minister.

Mario felt that he was cured. He did not take his dialysis treatments yet he was able to climb the Apparition Hill and Cross Mountain. He felt good and stronger.

When I was there on Oct. 26, 2001, I saw lines of people in front of the confessional boxes. The message on Aug. 25 calls for the same.

"Dear children! Today, I am with you in prayer so that God gives you an even stronger faith. Little children, your faith is small and you are not even aware how much, despite this, you are not ready to seek the gift of faith from God.

"That is why I am with you, little children, to help you comprehend my messages and put them into life. Pray, pray, pray, and only in faith and through prayer your soul will find peace and the world will find joy to be with God. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Trip in October

Arpex Travel is once again organizing a trip to Medjugorje. Departure is on Oct. 2. Alice Padlan says there is no war there, as some apprehensions are being bandied about the safety of going there. To join, call her at 525-3883/3902.

When I came back from Medjugorje last October, I found myself going to Mass daily, being more devoted, concentrating on the mystery of the Transubstantiation—when the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ.

Did you know that the angels come during Consecration and adore the Eucharist? Christ is truly present.

Holy Cross fiesta

The feast of the Holy Cross falls on Sept. 14. Sta. Cruz Church will hold a special Mass at 6:15 p.m. The Jubilee Cross will be used.

The Santa Cruz de Misericordia is enshrined in a chapel on Misericordia Street. It is believed to be miraculous.

Buensuceso coronation

The second anniversary of the canonical coronation of Our Lady of Buensuceso is on Sept. 8. A special Mass at 6 p.m. will have President Macapagal-Arroyo as guest of honor.

'Laudate Mariam'

The Daughters of St. Paul presents a second Marian album titled "Laudate Mariam," featuring Cocoy Laurel and the Daughters of St. Paul Sisters.

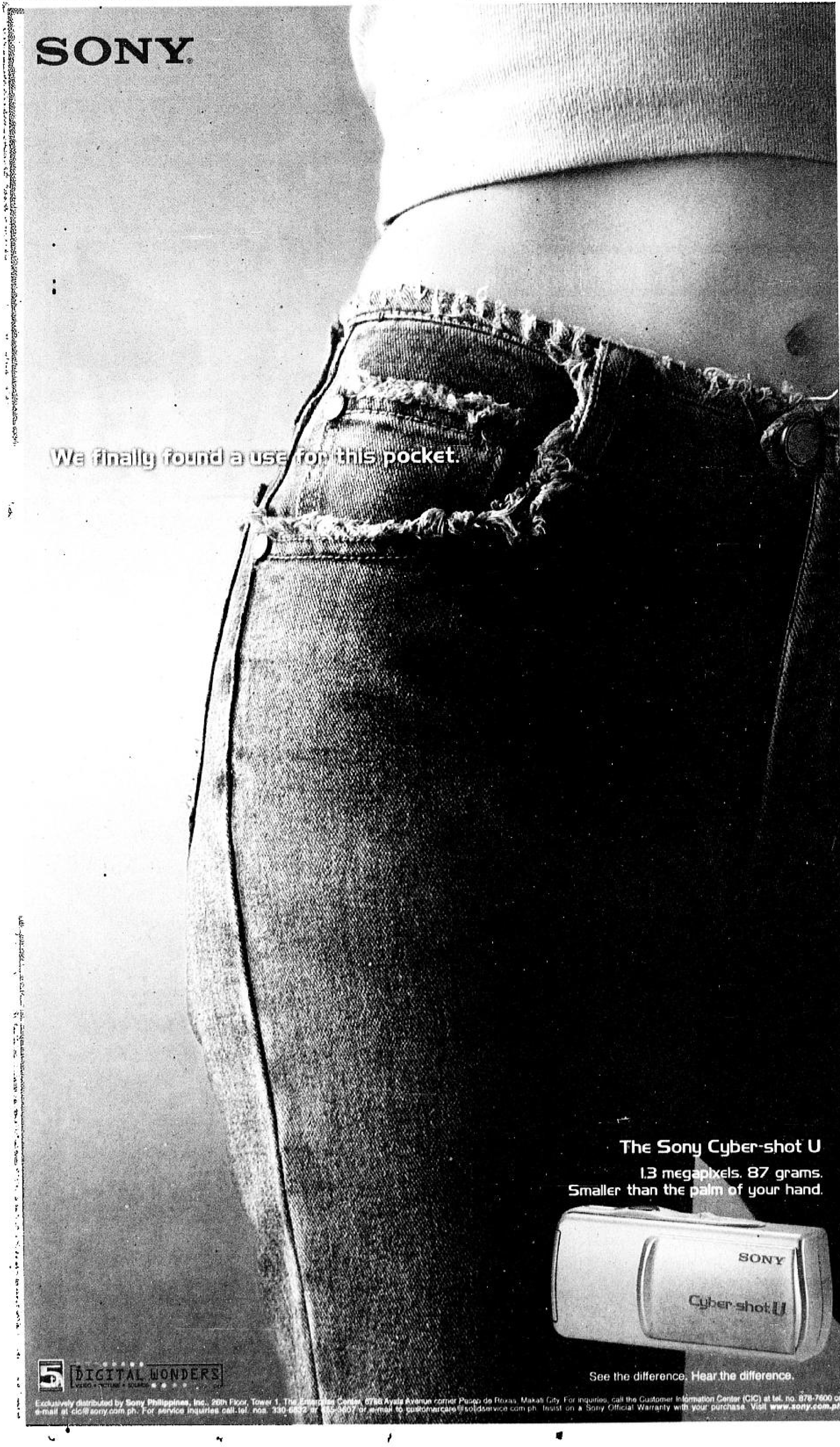
"Laudate Mariam" is a collection of familiar Marian songs, rearranged to produce a greater impact and awaken a renewed devotion to Mary. You will also find new compositions that will transport you to a memorable past.

Available in CD and cassette tapes at all Paulines Bookstores. Call Sister Grace at 831-6420, visit www.paulines.ph, or e-mail av@paulines.ph.

"Tears of Love" is a captivating documentary about statues and icons weeping tears. What do they mean and why are they occurring today in record numbers?

Witness actual footages of this unexplained phenomenon that baffles scientists and defies the laws of nature.

Available in VHS and VCD at all Paulines Bookstores.

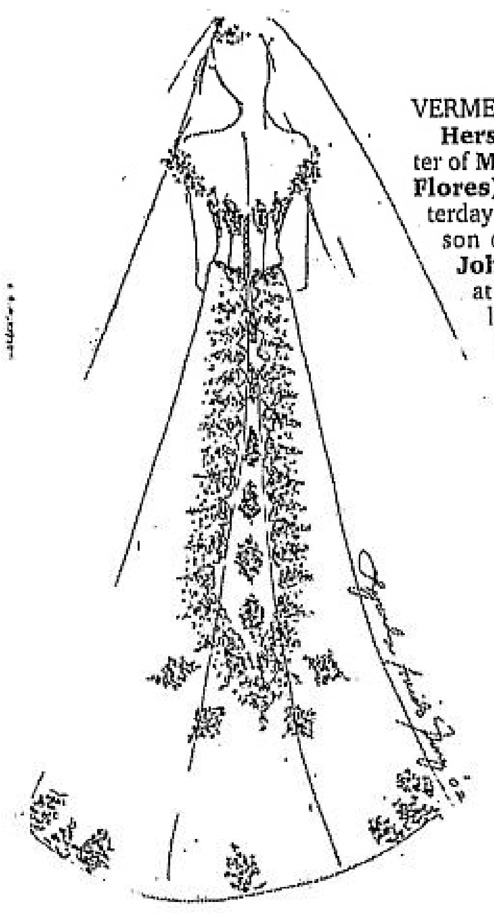

SONY
We finally found a use for this pocket.
The Sony Cyber-shot U
1.3 megapixels. 87 grams.
Smaller than the palm of your hand.
SONY
Cyber-shot U
DIGITAL WONDERS
See the difference. Hear the difference.

Exclusively distributed by Sony Philippines, Inc., 26th Floor, Tower 1, The Enterprise Center, 6788 Ayala Avenue corner Paseo de Roxas, Makati City. For inquiries, call the Customer Information Center (CIC) at tel. no. 878-7600 or e-mail at cic@sony.com.ph. For service inquiries call tel. nos. 330-6832 or [illegible]-3607 or e-mail to customercare@solidservice.com.ph. Insist on a Sony Official Warranty with your purchase. Visit www.sony.com.ph

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
Sunday **LIFESTYLE**

Milestones

We accept announcements of weddings and engagements. Please send in the following typewritten information: names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, gown designer and related brief information. Readers may send sketches of gowns and pictures of the couple at least one month before the wedding. This will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the sender.



VERMEULEN-DAVID

Hershey Flores David, daughter of **Manuel** and **Priscilla (nee Flores) David**, tied the knot yesterday with **Stegan Vermeulen**, son of **Bert Vermeulen** and **Johanna Vermeulen-Stolk**, at the Basilica of the Immaculate Concepcion (Manila Cathedral) in Intramuros, Manila. Reception followed at the Makati Shangrila Hotel.

Hershey wore a gown by **Lynnda Anido-Gomez** made of white and silver duchess satin appliquéd with French corded lace heavily beaded with pearls, sequins and glass beads. The color motif for the occasion was celadon, lavender and pink fuchsia.

ABERIA-FLORES

Dominic A. Aberia, a physical therapy graduate and the son of **Honesto** and **Violeta Aberia** of Daet, Camarines Norte, will exchange vows with **Rona C. Flores**, an accounting graduate and the daughter of **Luna C. Flores** of Poblacion, Nabas, Aklan, at 7 p.m., Sept. 21, at the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine Parish, New Manila, QC.

LAYANTE-ISLA

Danilo Layante and **Joycelyn Isla** (shown with the bride's family, parents Honesto Jr. and Aida Isla, sisters Kayleen and Arlene, brother-in-law Edwin and nephew Aldrin) tied the knot on June 8 at the St. Andrew's Church in La Huerta, Parañaque. The groom is the son of **Dominador** and **Natalia Layante.** The reception was held at St. Andrew's Gym in La Huerta, Parañaque.

Wedding and debut fair set on Sept. 27-29

ARE you planning for a debut or wedding? Then visit the "Ultimate Wedding and Debut Fair" to be held on Sept. 27-29 at the Mega Trade Hall 3, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City.

Organized by the Island Exhibit Organizer Links in cooperation with SM Mega Trade Hall and Joey 92.3, the event presents a complete line of products and services that every bride and debutante need in preparation for their special day. Also to be offered are talks on marriages and counseling. There will be free make-overs, free facials and ideas on gifts and souvenirs, apart from a fashion show that will be directed by Arnold Galang.

Serapion S. Metilla of Mett's Plant Art will execute a garden special setting.

Call 404-0242 or (0918) 919-6239.

Look beautiful on your big day

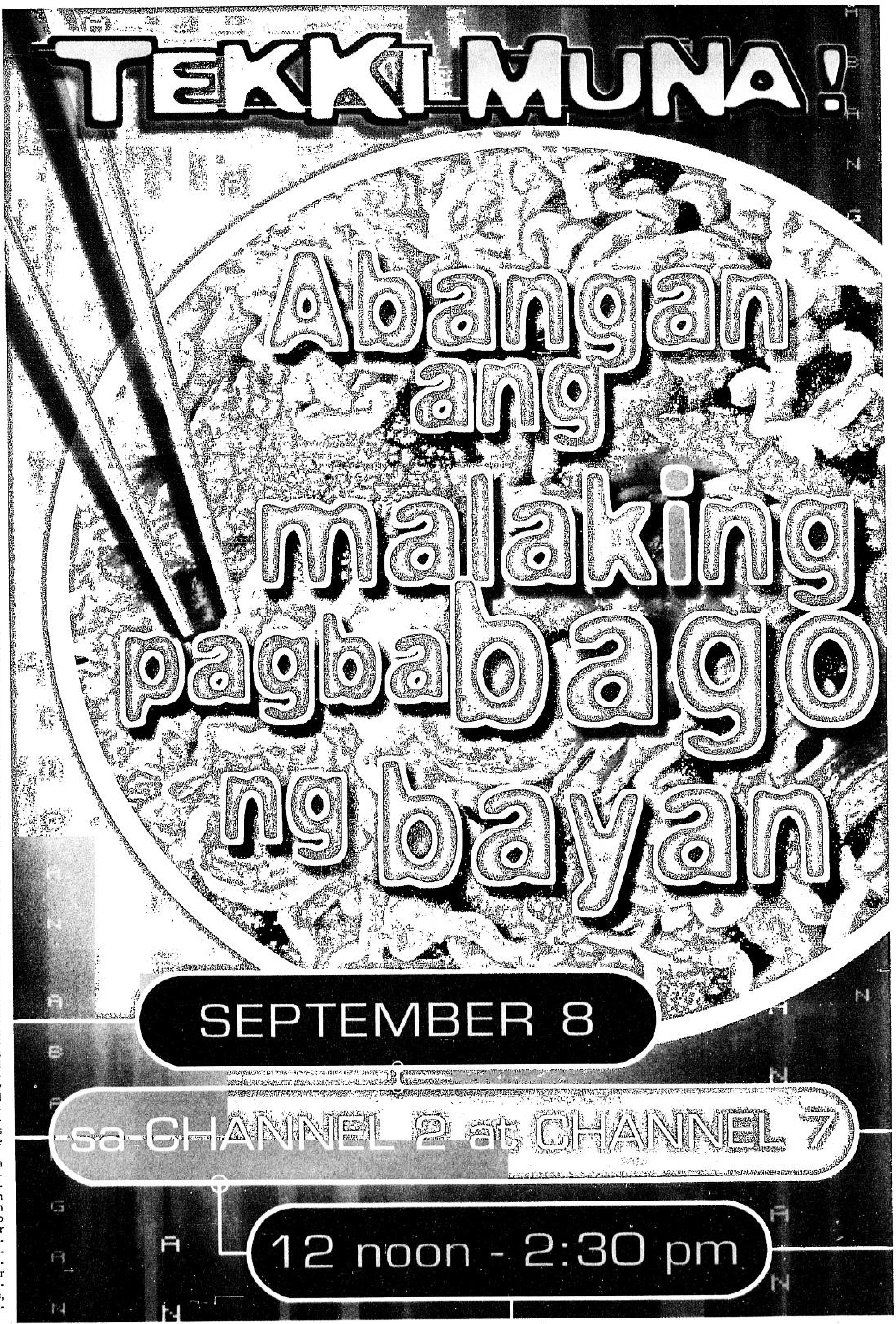
ALABANG Town Center (ATC), the premier shopping and entertainment mall south of Manila, knows just how to make brides-to-be look their best before "the day." At Service Town, ATC's one-stop shop completes its lineup of establishments that can help brides look fabulous on their wedding day.

Feel pampered from head to foot with The Spa's wide array of services—from massage therapies and remedial fitness programs to an extensive variety of facial and body care services.

Brides can get relief from headache and fatigue caused by tedious wedding planning with the Indian head massage, also a perfect therapy for insomnia.

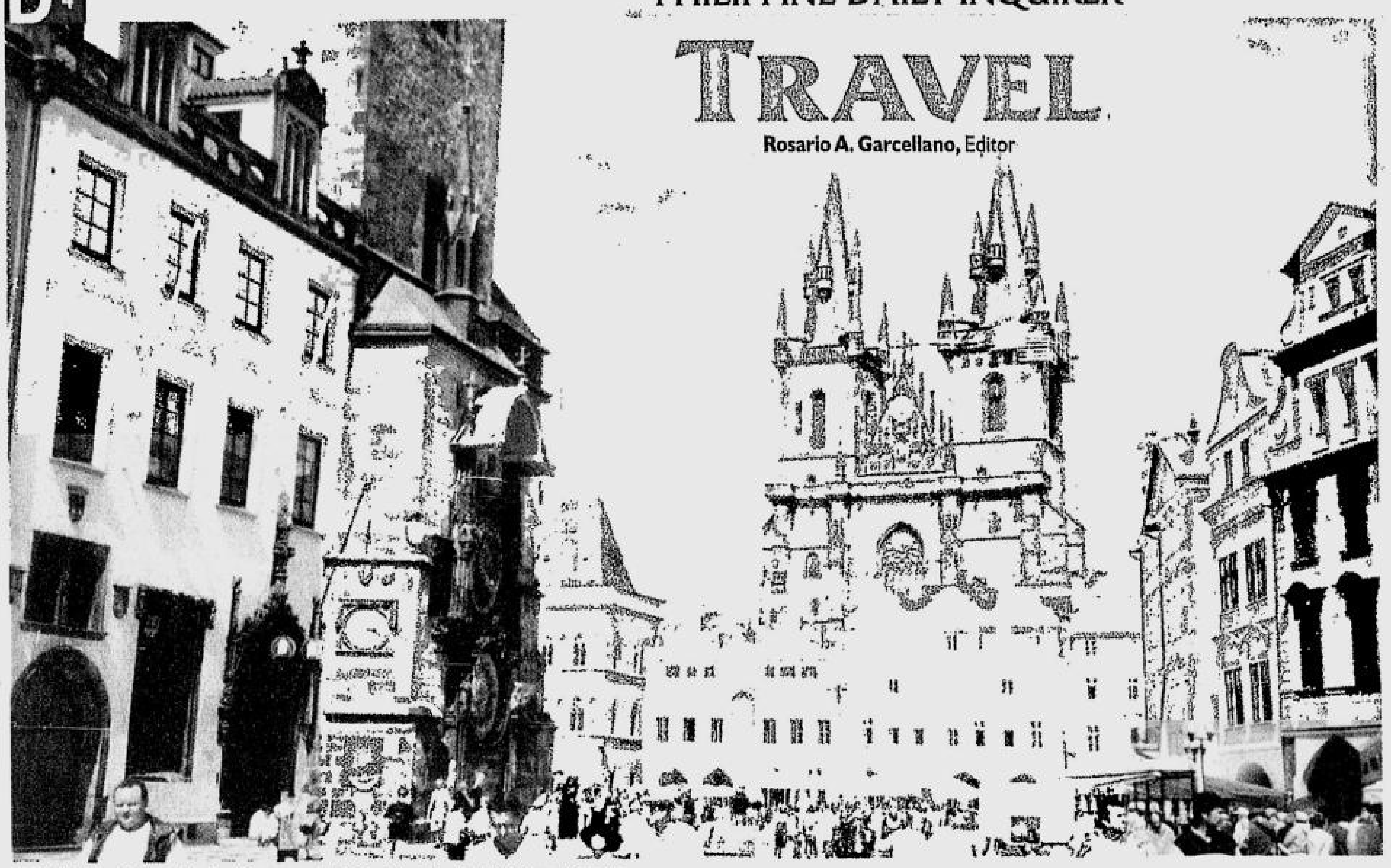
Other services offered by C.A.N.S. are the 30-minute massage therapy that relieves brides of stress, trouble spots and aching areas; aromatherapy massage which uses pure imported essential oils that detoxify and strengthen the immune system; body scrub to rub off dead skin cells; and California facial, which removes dead skin cells through deep pore cleansing.

Brides-to-be can consult with the salon's professional hairdressers and stylists on the latest trends in hairstyle and makeup that are perfect for weddings. Other services offered are haircut, hair perm, cellophane, hot oil, hair aromatherapy, manicure/pedicure, facials, foot spa and body massage.


TEKKI MUNA!
Abangan ang malaking pagbabago ng bayan
SEPTEMBER 8
sa CHANNEL 2 at CHANNEL 7
12 noon - 2:30 pm

TRAVEL

Rosario A. Garcellano, Editor



SPLENDID spires, as in the "Staromestska Radnice" in the Old Town Square

Love this stone dream

Text and photos by Rafael R. Castillo

THERE'S an old song about someone leaving his heart in San Francisco, but I think more people have left their hearts in Prague, which has been variously described as "the crown of the world," "a mystical city of a hundred spires," and "a stone dream."

And who would not fall in love with this city of enchanting architecture, timeless sculptures and monuments, ornately decorated churches, elegant antiques—and crystals at bargain prices?

Prague is the capital of the landlocked Czech Republic, which is located right in the heart of Europe. Renaissance artists dubbed it one of the most beautiful cities of the world, and undoubtedly it still is. Since the Middle Ages, it has served a prominent role in the socio-cultural development of the whole Europe.

What is striking about this city of 1.2 million people is that many of its medieval structures (some dating as far back as the 10th century) are still intact. This is because unlike Warsaw, Berlin and other European cities, Prague was spared from the bombs of two world wars that ravaged the continent.

The city was founded in 870 A.D. with the foundation of the Prague Castle, a 45-hectare complex of ecclesiastical fortifications and residential and office buildings representing all the styles of 900 years of architecture: baroque, Romanesque, gothic, renaissance and *art nouveau*. For centuries the castle served as the residence of Czech kings and dukes, and, since the end of World War I and the dissolution of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, of presidents.

The Prague Castle surrounds three courtyards, and historic buildings abound in it.

One such is the St. Vitus Cathedral, a gothic structure with spires that seem to reach the doors of heaven. From afar, it's this landmark featured in most tourist posters of Prague that catches the attention. Its construction took nearly 600 years, starting in 1344 by Jan of Luxemburg and completed in 1929. The tombs of Bohemian kings are found here, as well as coronation jewels and priceless works of art.

Old Town Square

Like many of Europe's famous cities, Prague is pedestrian-friendly. A convincing proof of this is the Old Town Square, which originated in the 12th century as a market place and is now a popular tourist walk.

The impressive structures in the square include the *Staromestska Radnice* (Old Town Hall with Astronomical Clock), St. Nicholas' Church, Golz-Kinskys' Palace, *Dum U Zvonu* (House at the Bell), Church of our Lady of Tyn, and Tynskys' Cathedral.

The *Staromestska Radnice*, a classic example of gothic architecture punctuated by spires, witnessed Prague's autonomy in 1338. Interesting features of the astronomical clock are the 12 apostles that appear every hour between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The Church of our Lady of Tyn is touted as the most impressive gothic religious building in all of Prague. Its façade is fascinating, and so are its interiors, which include an altar painting by Karel Skreta and a tombstone of the famous astronomer Tycho de Brahe.

St. Nicholas' Church, one of the most cherished buildings of baroque architecture in Europe, was the venue of Mozart's concertos during his brief stay in Prague.

We spent a whole morning in the Old Town Square, enjoying the feeling of having just gotten out of a time capsule and into the 15th century.

Afterwards we took the subway going to the Wenceslas Square, the epitome of the Czech Republic's successful entry into the capitalist world. This 750-meter-long square thrives much like any of Western Europe's affluent cities, with hotels, business establishments and museums lining its wide and elegant avenue.

In the middle of the avenue are small plaques commemorating the tragic and heroic incidents that happened in the square. Near the statue of St. Wenceslas, flowers are laid in honor of Jan Palanch, a young Czech student who torched himself in protest of the Soviet invasion of 1968.

Charles Bridge

The most famous landmark in Prague, and perhaps in all of Central Europe, is the Charles Bridge. This 13th-century bridge—wide enough to make two vehicle lanes but open only to pedestrians—was built under the supervision of King Charles IV (thus the name). It is famous for the sculptures that add to the picture-perfect view completed by St. Vitus' Cathedral and the Prague Castle.

The Charles Bridge was built mainly to serve as venue for knights' tournaments. But upon the urging of the Catholic clergy, it became an open-space symbol of the religious affiliation of the Czechs, with 30 statues of saints and other religious personalities built on it.

MONUMENT of St. Wenceslas astride a horse

The monuments and statues on the sides are simply awesome, and the Charles Bridge is what you might call a bridge-cathedral. Nowhere else in the world will you see anything like it.

One of the most famous statues there is that of John Nepomuk, a martyr priest who was thrown into the Vltava River upon the order of then King Wenceslas. A little bit of Czech gossip is in order here: It all started when the queen confessed her sins to Nepomuk and King Wenceslas demanded that the priest divulge what she had revealed. The king was a highly suspicious man—jealous at the least, paranoid most likely—and he was convinced that his queen had told the priest of some illicit love affair. But Nepomuk held true to his commitment of confidentiality. According to unofficial documents, a golden halo appeared over the exact spot in the Vltava River where he was thrown.

Today, the Charles Bridge is packed all year long with tourists and Czechs alike. There are hundreds of souvenir stands as well as an endless variety of street performers and musicians. Early morning is the best time for a stroll, but one can also go on a romantic evening walk.

The gothic Bridge Tower, which guards both sides of the bridge, is part of the old fortification system in Prague—a remnant of the bygone age when European states fought each other for power, territory and wealth. In 1648, the tower was partially damaged because of a failed attempt by Swedes advancing from the north to occupy the Old Town.

River run

The river itself, popularized by composer Smetana in "The Vltava," is a favorite hangout of sun-worshipping Czechs. (Our hotel had panoramic windows, which gave us a full view of the river right across the street.) It is relatively clean, flowing from the southern border of the Czech Republic through Prague, some small historic towns, dams, all the way up to the northern border. There are always sports and leisure activities ongoing, such as canoeing, sailing, fishing, bathing and picnics. Visitors should not miss the regular boat trips that offer music, meals and drinks to passengers.

High above an impressive rocky cliff just above the Vltava sits the castle Vysehrad. Being the site of the original castle erected in the 10th century, Vysehrad is considered the birthplace of Prague. It is both solemn and splendid and truly a visual pleasure, with beautiful plants and flowers and sculptures of prominent figures of Czech mythology adorning its well-trimmed garden, and every part of the interior covered by intricate decorations. Its centerpiece is the Church of St. Peter and Paul.

With its historical importance, it is but proper that famous Czechs—for two examples, Dvorak and Smetana—are buried in Vysehrad.

Another noteworthy place to visit is the old Jewish quarter, found between the Old Town Square and the Vltava River and known locally as Josefov.

> The visitor will be amazed at how each stone or structure has a glorious story to tell

Jews began arriving in Prague in the 11th century. Prosperity and peaceful coexistence allowed Josefov to flourish and become the largest Jewish community in all of Europe. But during the crusades in the medieval period, the Czech Jews were massacred, their synagogues burned and their property looted. The survivors were forced to build their community on a small area by the Vltava. This started the ghettoization of the Czech Jews, and the atrocities against them continued up to the Nazi occupation and the rise of communism in the country. Today, after the fall of communism in Eastern Europe, Jewish activities have been revived in Prague, with the synagogues seeing some activity again.

When you do a walking tour of the Old Town, don't miss the Jewish Quarter and its old cemetery and synagogues.

And if Paris has the Eiffel Tower, Prague has the Observation Tower. This 63.5-meter-tall tower was built in 1891 for the Jubilee exhibition. Although it is considerably smaller than the Eiffel, the tower sits atop the Petron Hill, giving it a much higher appearance.

One has to climb 299 steps to reach the viewing platform, but the breathtaking view, including Snezka, the highest peak in the Czech Republic, is enough reward.

Old and new

The fusion of old and new is one source of Prague's mystical splendor.

The visitor walking the city's cobblestone pavements and touring its museums, churches and castles will be amazed at how old it actually is, and how every stone and structure have their own glorious story to tell. Alongside the ancient buildings are 21st-century structures housing multinational companies or providing five-star comfort for the millions of tourists who fly in all year.

I loved being in that magnificent city—despite three attempts to pick my pocket during our five-day stay (surely a record of sorts for Guinness).

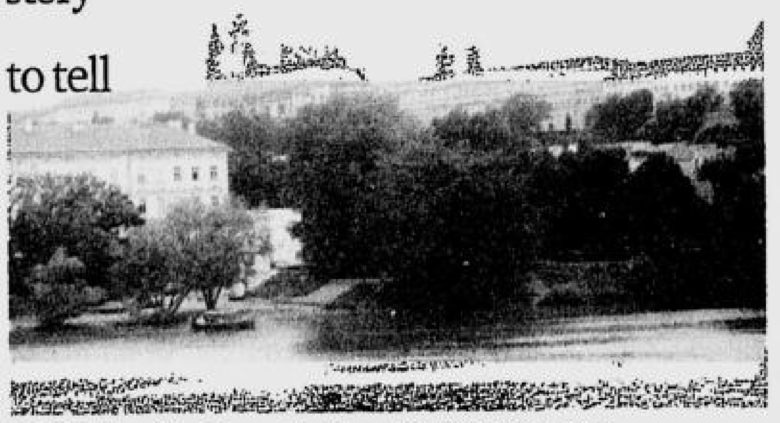
Never mind that the pickpockets didn't look the least bothered when I foiled their unskilled thievery, simply shrugging their shoulders when I slapped their hands away from what should have been my personal domain (my pocket). Never mind that they had that casual look, as though saying: "Nothing personal, just doing our job!"

Never mind that the usher at the Opera House demanded that the distinguished-looking Dr. Ed Timbol and I get out, leaving our wives inside, because she thought we had no tickets. (We almost came to blows with the 6-foot-plus bouncer who gave us a ferocious, if ineffective, glare, which only merited a stern rebuke from Ed and myself. Later realizing her error, the usher led us back to our seats after the intermission break. But there was nary a word or expression to convey her apologies for what another theater-goer described was an idiotic mistake.)

Never mind all that. There is so much charm in Prague that will make up for whatever inconvenience and hassle a few Czechs might inflict.

It's difficult not to love the city and wish to come back to it.

Dr. Rafael Castillo writes Medical Files, a weekly column in the Health & Science Section of the Inquirer.



REGAL view of the Prague Castle and St. Vitus' Cathedral...

...AND of the old houses down the hill

'Sweet Deals' for the budget tourist

By Anne A. Jambora

WITH THE RAINS spilling over the metropolis, now's the time to head for that paradise getaway. After all, gloomy skies in Metro Manila can mean warm sunshine elsewhere.

Lean season or not, travel agencies are busy wrapping tour packages in pretty pictures and catchy slogans. But because these packages are designed for people on a budget, those who do take up the offer often find themselves, ironically, with no photos fit for showing off at home. A budget is a budget, and if travelers want a room with a view, coughing up a substantial amount of cash is in order.

WOW Select, a consortium of six travel agencies working hand-in-hand with the Department of Tourism, is offering "Sweet Deals," upgraded holiday tours for the disappointed tourist, until Oct. 25. The three-night, two-day packages in prime tourist destinations in the country come at reasonable prices.

According to Tourism Undersecretary Oscar Palabyab, tourism has to be refocused during the lean season to lure local and expatriate visitors to the South where there are no typhoons. With packages such as "Sweet Deals," he says, "hopefully there will be no more lean months in the country."

R&R at Fridays Resort in Boracay, for example, will set back vacationers by only $212 per person in a twin-sharing deluxe room, including roundtrip airfare and meet-and-assist for that hassle-free holiday, plus a welcome fruit basket.

Ordinarily, room rates at that resort on a three-night, two-day basis are between $143 and $174 per person—excluding airfare and other services—with travelers fending for themselves on a trip that requires land and sea transport.

Deluxe room accommodations at all participating resorts/hotels may also be upgraded at no extra cost if the suites are available, says Lyzzelle M. Ceralde, Travel Edge sales and marketing manager.

While the packages may seem expensive at first glance, Ceralde says tourists get more for their hard-earned money. "This is not one of your run-of-the-mill packages, and we were able to bargain great deals," she says.

As the consortium is bent on offering the best, only choice destinations are lined up. Depending on the chosen getaway, tourists get freebies such as a bottle of wine or fruit basket, daily breakfast, use of premium facilities and amenities, discounts on some resort/hotel services, guided city tours.

Other travel agencies may have tour packages, and the "Sweet Deals" consortium "only" pegged its rates at about 10 percent lower than any of them, but the freebies and location—and the services these resorts/hotels have in store for their guests—make all the difference. In fact, Ceralde says, those extra treats are what set them apart and make the package a sweet deal.

"Our target markets are the *balikbayan*, honeymooners, local tourists and expat families," Ceralde says.

Twelve locations are being offered: Boracay, Cebu, Bohol, Davao, Iloilo, Puerto Galera, Dumaguete, Palawan, Subic, Baguio, Batangas, and for Cebu residents, Metro Manila. There are 25 resorts/hotels to choose from, including Club Noah, Shangri-La Mactan, Marco Polo, Forest Hills, Camp John Hay, etc.

The official carrier is Air Philippines, except for Fridays Resort in Boracay that flies guests on Asian Spirit.

Baguio and Batangas rates do not include airfare. "Should travelers decide to take the bus, our people will meet them at the terminal," Ceralde says.

Special arrangements can be made for non-Cebu residents who want to visit Metro Manila, says Travel Edge managing director Kelly Boncan.

The participating agencies are Travel Edge Inc.-Alabang (772-5555 and 842-8134); Orientex Travel Agency Inc.-San Juan (723-5494/32); Sharp Travel Service (Phils.) Inc.-Makati (817-0071 to 74); Cencorp Travel-Pasay City (512-2462 to 63, 888-2338 to 39); Southeast Travel Corp.-Manila (524-5676 to 86); and Lakbay TV (www.lakbay.net).

E-mail the author at ajambora@inquirer.com.ph

Art/culture fest set in Bulacan

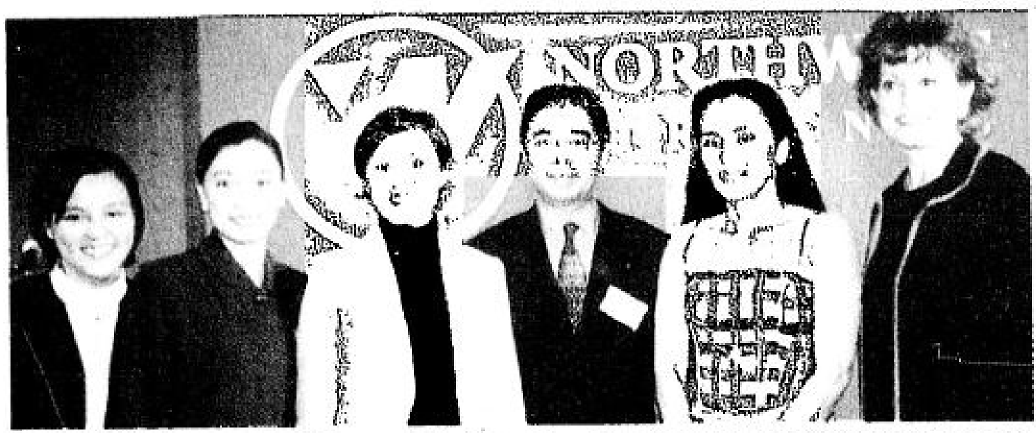
BULACAN Gov. Josie Mendoza-de la Cruz announces the celebration of Bulacan Week on Sept. 9-15 with the "Singkaban Festival."

The celebration, to coincide with the 104th anniversary of the historic Malolos Congress, will be mounted by the Sentro ng Sining at Kultura ng Bulacan, in cooperation with the Cultural Center of the Philippines, Pamanang Bulacan Foundation Inc., Department of Education, and Bulacan Tourism Council and its municipal counterparts.

The Singkaban festivities at the Barasoain Church in Malolos include a street-dancing contest (Sept. 13, 2 p.m.), food festival (Sept. 15), and *kundiman* concert honoring Nicanor Abelardo, Francisco Santiago and Atang de la Rama (Sept. 14, 7 p.m.).

A mixed-media presentation paying tribute to National Artist for Film Gerry de Leon will be presented at the Nicanor Abelardo Theater at the Capitol Compound in Malolos (Sept. 9-15, 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.). There will also be an exhibit of works by Bulacan artists.

Other activities are the Lakbay Aral, Alay Lakad, jobs fair, night market, and fireworks display, among others.



NORTHWEST execs Tani Lloren, Adin Gonzales, Gina Campos, Ray Nihishira and Lauri Lofgren with singer Kuh Ledesma (second from right)

FULBRIGHT-PAEF'S Alexander Calata, EC Cunanan and Mila Tan with Northwest's Mark Abastillas

NORTHWEST'S Lulubelle Castañeda is flanked by Siemens' Renato Serapio and Ayala Land's Eli Tanlapco.

Airline launches rewards program

NORTHWEST Airlines recently launched Biz Perks, a corporate rewards and incentive program for small- and medium-sized businesses in the Philippines.

First introduced in the United States, the program rewards companies for booking travel on Northwest Airlines and their alliance partners through their travel agencies or with Northwest. Through Biz Perks, companies earn points for each travel purchase and may redeem them later for a variety of rewards including travel, upgrades to World Business Class, WorldClub airport lounge visits or memberships, and more.

Awards start at just 1,000 points, and include upgrades in World Business Class upgrades or a Coach class ticket to Japan for 15,500 points.

Other program features include providing participants with online program tracking, travel management reports and redemption of Biz Perks awards. Upon joining, eligible companies are assigned a special identification number that is added to their tickets when issued. Northwest uses the information to help companies manage their travel budgets and accrue award points to their Biz Perks account.

Northwest Airlines is the world's fourth largest airline with hubs at Detroit, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Memphis, Tokyo and Amsterdam and more than 1,700 daily departures. With its travel partners, Northwest serves nearly 750 cities in almost 120 countries on six continents.

Now you can hold that Dream debut when your Girl turns 18
Present this print ad upon booking and you'll get an automatic upgrade to a Studio Suite!

A/G Summit Company

MANILA
GALLERIA SUITES

Cake and candles. Roses and romance. Celebrate your daughter's coming of age in style, at The Manila Galleria Suites. With complete amenities, a lovely ballroom, and great packages that are sure to make her debut a magical night. Give your daughter the fairy-tale ball she deserves... at The Manila Galleria Suites.

Package amenities include
- 2-layered fondant cake
- Overnight stay for 2 in a Deluxe Room with breakfast at Raphael Cafe-Restaurant
- Mobile system
- 1 round choice of drinks
- Signature frame
- 18 candles with wrought iron stand
- 18 roses
- And much more amenities

For as low as ₱90,000++

For inquiries & reservations, call Banquet Sales at Tel. Nos. 634-6602 or 27

One Asian Development Bank Avenue P.O. Box 1525 Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Philippines 1655 Tel. (632) 633-7111 Fax (632) 633-2824 e-mail: business.center@galleriasuites.com website: www.galleriasuites.com

Eat, drink then take off.
Philippine Airlines mabuhay MILES
Visit us at www.hsbc.com.ph
www.philippineairlines.com

The world's local bank lets you fly free, here and abroad --- via the Mabuhay Miles Visa from HSBC.

Philippine Airlines
HSBC
VISA

Now, the world's local bank has teamed up with Asia's first airline to make it easier for you to enjoy free local and international flights.

Use your card and get ready to take off!
With the new Mabuhay Miles Visa from HSBC, every time you shop, gas up or dine out, you earn Bonus Points that you can convert to Miles. Collect enough Miles and you get a free flight!

Earn FREE flights fast!
Every P45 you charge to your Mabuhay Miles Visa earns you 1 Mile. That's one of the lowest spend-to-Miles conversion rates in town. Just imagine how far the cost of a *merienda* can take you when you charge it to your card. With a rate this low, you'll be flying for free here or abroad in no time.

Prepare to pile up the Miles.
Once you're a Mabuhay Miles Visa cardholder, you also become a member of Mabuhay Miles, PAL's frequent flyer program. So every time you fly PAL, you earn additional Miles on top of what you get by using your card to pay for your fare. Plus, you get *1,000 bonus Miles* when you first use your card. That brings you closer to flying FREE!

PLUS: Get a chance to win any of six FREE PAL Swingaround Travel Packages!
Get approved for the Mabuhay Miles Visa between 1 September 2002 to 28 February 2003 for a chance to win any of six Swingaround Packages for 2 to Los Angeles, Sydney, Hong Kong, or Bangkok! You can also earn more chances to win with every P500 card spend posted on your statement of account during the promo.

Apply now! See flyers for more details or call 878-7878.

Per DTI-NCR Permit # 3316 Series of 2002

HSBC
The world's local bank

Issued by The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited

THE NEWLYWEDS with their principal sponsors: Eden Yap (standing in for Carmel Dael), Letty Ambida, Myrna Tinio, Trina Kalaw, Bienvenida Cabangon-Chua and Katherine Tan

WITH CHESKA Tiu-Laurel, Odgie Iñigo, Sandy Dos Reme..os, Melvin Co, Klickus Liboro and Wilson Tan

WITH MARIANO L. Liboro, Eloisa I. Liboro, Aurora C. Co and Herculano Co Jr.

A merger of two hearts

From page D1

Reyes of the Hampshire Place. The groom's and bride's brothers also wore barong of the same material.

Cilette, who looked every bit the radiant bride, wore a Dita Sandico-Ong creation, a modern version of a Filipiniana gown of piña *lino* fabric. The corset and full skirt showed the figure to its full advantage, and the detachable beaded "*panuelo*" added an elegant touch. The skirt's hemline was hand-embroidered and intricately beaded. Matching shoes and bag complemented the whole ensemble.

The bride initially made the walk down the aisle by herself and was met past halfway to the altar by her father, Mariano Liboro. Overcome with happiness, the bride was in tears as her father gave her hand to the waiting groom.

The bride's mother, Eloisa Iñigo Liboro, marched with her son Pincus, while the groom's mother, Aurora Co, was escorted by son Herculano Co Jr. Both mothers looked regal in their column gowns made of Irish linen. The gown of the bride's mother had a modified *panuelo* draped over her shoulders while the groom's mother had a matching beaded jacket. The female entourage, which consisted of family members and close friends, wore knee-length corseted dresses of Irish linen, accentuated by jewel-toned shawls made of banana fiber.

Principal sponsors were Megaworld chair Andrew Tan and his wife; Katherine Tan; PSE director Robert Coyiuto Jr. and PSE chair Trinidad Kalaw; Commission on Elections Commissioner Florentino Tuason and Carmel Dael; Dr. Virgilio and Leticia Ambida of New Jersey; Andres Liboro and Myrna Concepcion Tinio; and PSE director Harry Liu and Bienvenida Cabangon-Chua.

Fr. Aurelio de la Cruz, OSJ, officiated at the Mass and wedding rites.

The flowers for the church aisle and the entourage were supplied by Spring Blooms, owned by April Lee Tan, another securities analyst and Cilette's former colleague.

Cocktails and Dinner

At the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel, guests had cocktails while pictures were taken of the newlyweds and their families. The formal portraits were done by Bob's Studio while the wedding was covered by Joel Sol Cruz of ABS-CBN.

The ambience in the ballroom, where the formal sit-down dinner for 400 was held, was elegant and romantic. Each table had a topiary of red roses in full bloom as centerpiece and votive candles, with red and white petals strewn across. At the presidential table were the bride and groom, their parents and principal sponsors. A trio of professional string players led by guitarist Jovencio Rosario rendered a carefully selected repertoire of light and acid jazz music.

A sumptuous lauriat dinner was served and wine flowed freely, as well as jasmine tea. The stylish wedding cake by Dexter's had a three-layer fondant alternated with layers of red roses for Martha Stewart chic. Helping the bride plan the reception was Jenny Sanchez of Edsa Shangri-La's banquet sales offices.

Highlighting the evening was a program prepared by Cilette's colleagues in the ABS-CBN Business Group, who also made a video presentation about the couple. The program started with a prayer by Mark Pe, a good friend of the bride. Yvette Novenario, a newscaster on ANC, was emcee, together with analyst Astro del Castillo of ASAP.

Friends and family expressed their well wishes during the program, sharing stories about the couple. The best stories came from *ninang* Trinidad Kalaw and *ninong* Harry Liu. Best man Edward Cabangon-Chua offered a very personal and touching speech and toast. The couple decided to hand the bride's bouquet to Edward and his fiancée instead of tossing it.

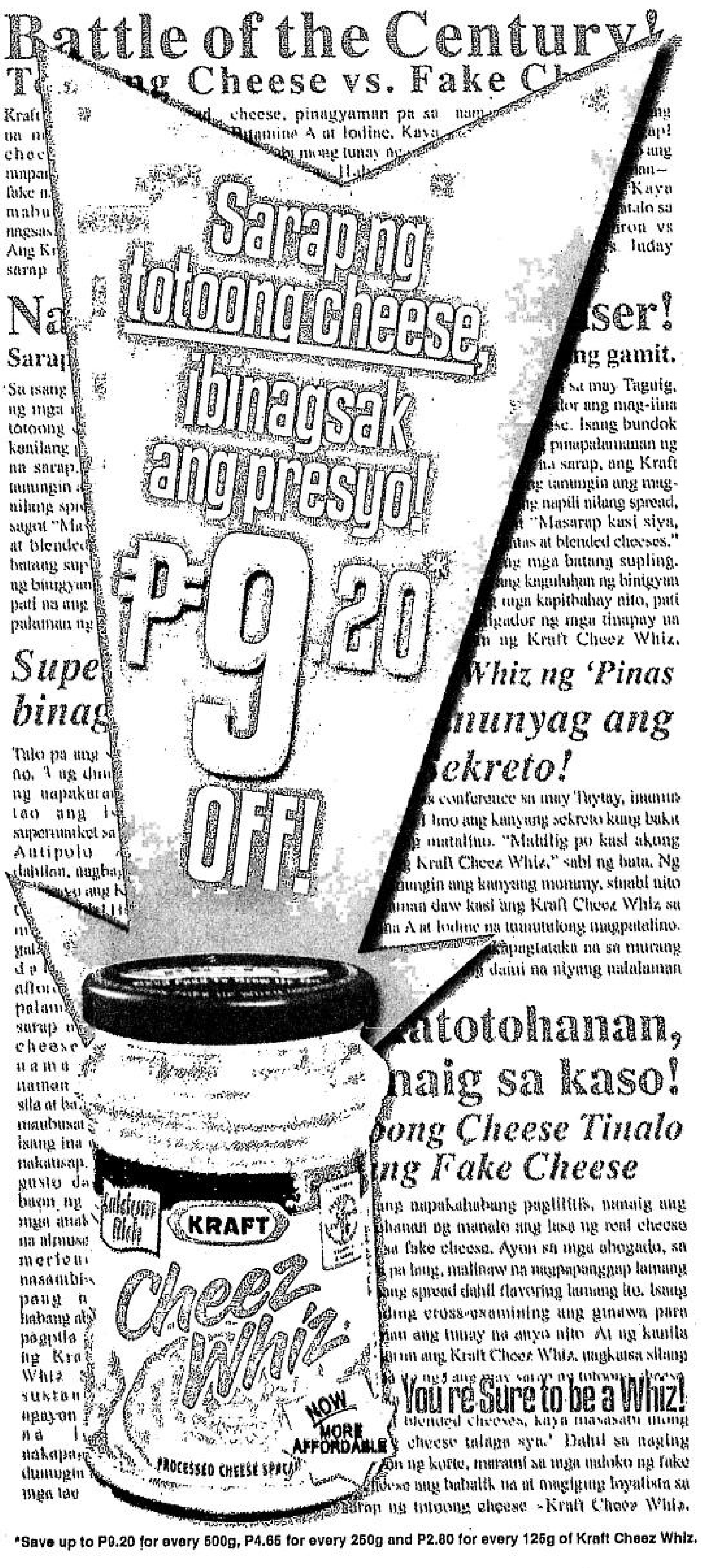
The traditional wedding dance by the newlyweds to the tune of "The Gift" ended the program.

FIRST dance

FLOWER girl Ma. Alexandra Liboro

CAKE by Dexter's

THE ABS-CBN business group


Battle of the Century!
T... ng Cheese vs. Fake Ch...
Na... ...ser!
Sara... ...ng gamit.
Supe... ...Whiz ng 'Pinas
binag... ...munyag ang ...sekreto!
...atotohanan, ...naig sa kaso!
...ong Cheese Tinalo ...ng Fake Cheese
Sarap ng totoong cheese, ibinagsak ang presyo!
₱9.20* OFF!
KRAFT
Cheez Whiz
NOW MORE AFFORDABLE
PROCESSED CHEESE SPREAD
You're Sure to be a Whiz!

*Save up to P9.20 for every 500g, P4.65 for every 250g and P2.80 for every 125g of Kraft Cheez Whiz.

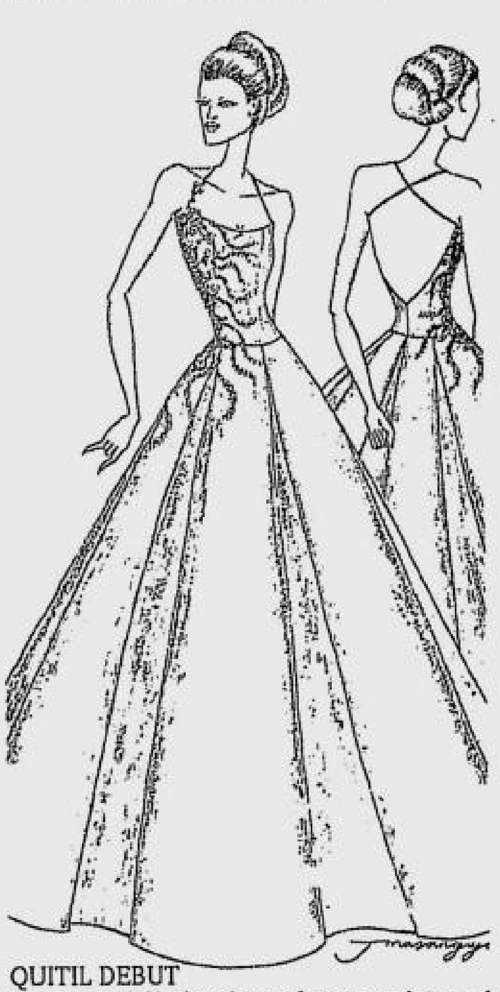
Milestones

TOCMO DEBUT

Brenda Catherine O. Tocmo, only daughter of Security Bank Corp. vice president for NCR **Bernardo Tocmo** and his wife **Carmelita**, will celebrate her 18th birthday with a dinner-dance party at the Grand Ballroom of the Dusit Hotel Nikko in Makati City on Sept. 27. She will wear two gowns designed and created by **John Tee**. Shown in photo is the one featuring a Venus cut in two-toned medium pink material, accented with beadwork on the dyed monochromatic hemline. Produzione Corp. is official coordinator of the event. Brenda is a sophomore psychology student at De La Salle University Manila.

SUBIDA-CASTILLO

Jobert Ian Urriquia Subida, son of **Roberto** and **Jocelyn Subida**, will exchange vows with **Marilyn Tan Castillo**, daughter of **Marieta Tan vda. de Castillo**, on Sept. 26 at St. Paul the First Hermit Cathedral, San Pablo City. Main celebrant will be the Rev. Msgr. **Alex C. Amante**. Reception will follow at the multipurpose hall of Rizal Elementary School, Rizal, Laguna.



QUITIL DEBUT

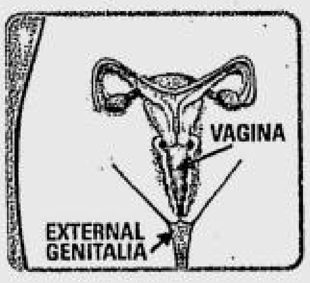
Joy Quitil, daughter of **Jose** and **Lennie Quitil** of Bagong Barrio, Caloocan City, and a BS Chemical Engineering sophomore at Adamson University, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Sept. 29 at the King Arthur Grand Ballroom of Camelot Hotel.

The debutante will wear a pleated balloon gown in bronze two-toned silk with the bodice embellished on one side with metallic lace appliqués and glass beads in gold and silver. Another gown, a carnation silk organza sheath dress with fishtail, will be adorned with ruffle frill. Another outfit is a pant-suit in midnight blue satin. All outfits are designed by **Jay Masangya**.

The Truth
Every Woman Should Know

Kung walang sakit, 'di mo kailangan ng gamot for everyday feminine care.

FACT 1: The vagina and the external genitalia are not the same.
The vagina is the canal that connects the uterus and the external genitalia. The external genitalia, on the other hand, is the exposed part of the female sex organ which includes the outer and inner lip covered with pubic hair.

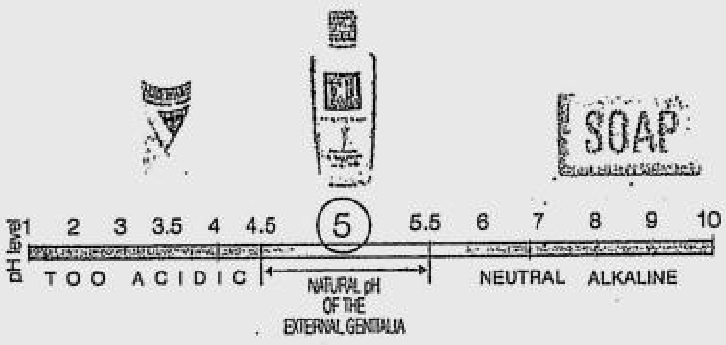


FACT 2: The vagina and the external genitalia have different pH levels.
The vagina has a pH level near 3.5 while the external genitalia has a pH level between 4.5 and 5.5.

pH level refers to the level of acidity or alkalinity of a liquid measured from pH 1 to 14. pH levels that are lower than pH 4.5 are considered too acidic while those higher than pH 5.5 are too alkaline for your external genitalia.

FACT 3: You need a daily feminine wash that matches the pH level of your external genitalia and not your vagina. Remember that it is your external genitalia that you wash everyday, not your vagina. You wash the part that is exposed and not the canal that is inside.

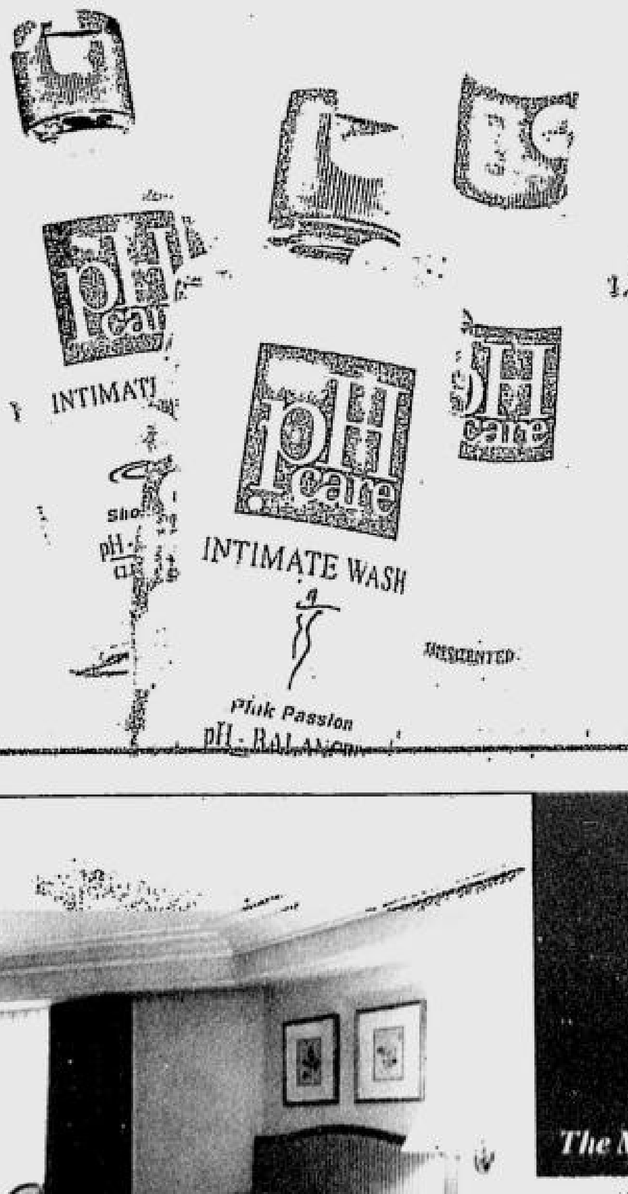
FACT 4: That is why for everyday feminine care, 'di mo kailangan ng gamot. You need an everyday feminine wash. Ang feminine wash na gamot should be used for the external genitalia only when there are infections and irritations. It is too harsh for everyday use for the external genitalia. Ang soap naman too alkaline. Using either of these will disrupt the natural balance in your external genitalia and may cause irritation and dryness when used daily.



FACT 5: For everyday feminine care, you need pH care. **pH care** is not soap at hindi rin gamot. It has the right pH level of 5 that matches the pH level of the external genitalia, thus maintaining its natural balance. Kaya tamang-tama for daily use. With **pH care**, you' re clean, mabango at malayo sa infections.

Be extra careful in choosing your feminine wash.
Para malaman kung gamot, check out the following:
(GENERIC BOX) May generic box at generic name.
(DRUG REGISTRATION) May DRHR o Drug Registration Home Remedy number.
(INDICATION) For douching or for the treatment of vaginitis, vulvitis and other infections.

Ask your doctor about these.



For everyday feminine care. pH care INTIMATE WASH

All- 4 - P2002!

The Manila Midtown Hotel treats your family to a hassle-free weekend for only P2,002 net!

Need a break? Why go through the hassles of travelling on a weekend when you can have an instant getaway right here in Manila? With Manila Midtown's P2,002 weekend rate, the whole family can enjoy a grand weekend with first-class amenities plus a whole lot of discounts and freebies at Robinsons Place Ermita. Let your family experience a stress-free weekend in style. Only at The Manila Midtown Hotel.

Package includes:
- Overnight stay with breakfast *(upgrade to a junior suite subject to availability)*
- Up to 20% discount on selected shops at Robinsons Place Ermita
- FREE tickets at Robinsons Place Movieworld (for minimum 2-night stay)

- *Breakfast is good for 2 persons only*
- *Offer good on weekends only. Choose any day from Friday to Sunday*
- *Valid to local residents only*
- *This offer is valid until September 30, 2002*

MANILA MIDTOWN HOTEL
All you need, All in the heart of the City.

Corner Pedro Gil & M. Adriatico Streets, Ermita, Manila, Philippines
Telephone: (632)526-7001, Fax. (632)522-2629, E-mail business.center@manilamidtown.com
http://www.manilamidtown.com

MANILA 7 P.M.
FLORIDA 9 A.M.

SMART IDD 40¢ a minute

"Lola, if I had wings I'd fly to Florida and spend Grandparent's Day with you."

On Grandparent's Day, you can still send lots of love over the air to your grandparents staying abroad. Thanks to SMART IDD. It only costs a mere 40c a minute, so you can talk to them for as long and as often as you wish - anytime at all. So call now! With SMART IDD, even kids like you can make your grand-folks abroad feel like they're walking on air.

Dial + • Country Code • Area Code • Party's Number and press SEND on your SMART GSM celfone.

Applicable to over 150 destinations worldwide (excluding INMARSAT) • Questions? Comments? Concerns? Call the SMART Hotline at 888-1111, text us at 888, or email us at customercare@smart.com.ph

Surprising occasions by SMART IDD.

SMART *Simply Amazing!*

For feedback, text us at (0918)917-5026 or email us at lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph

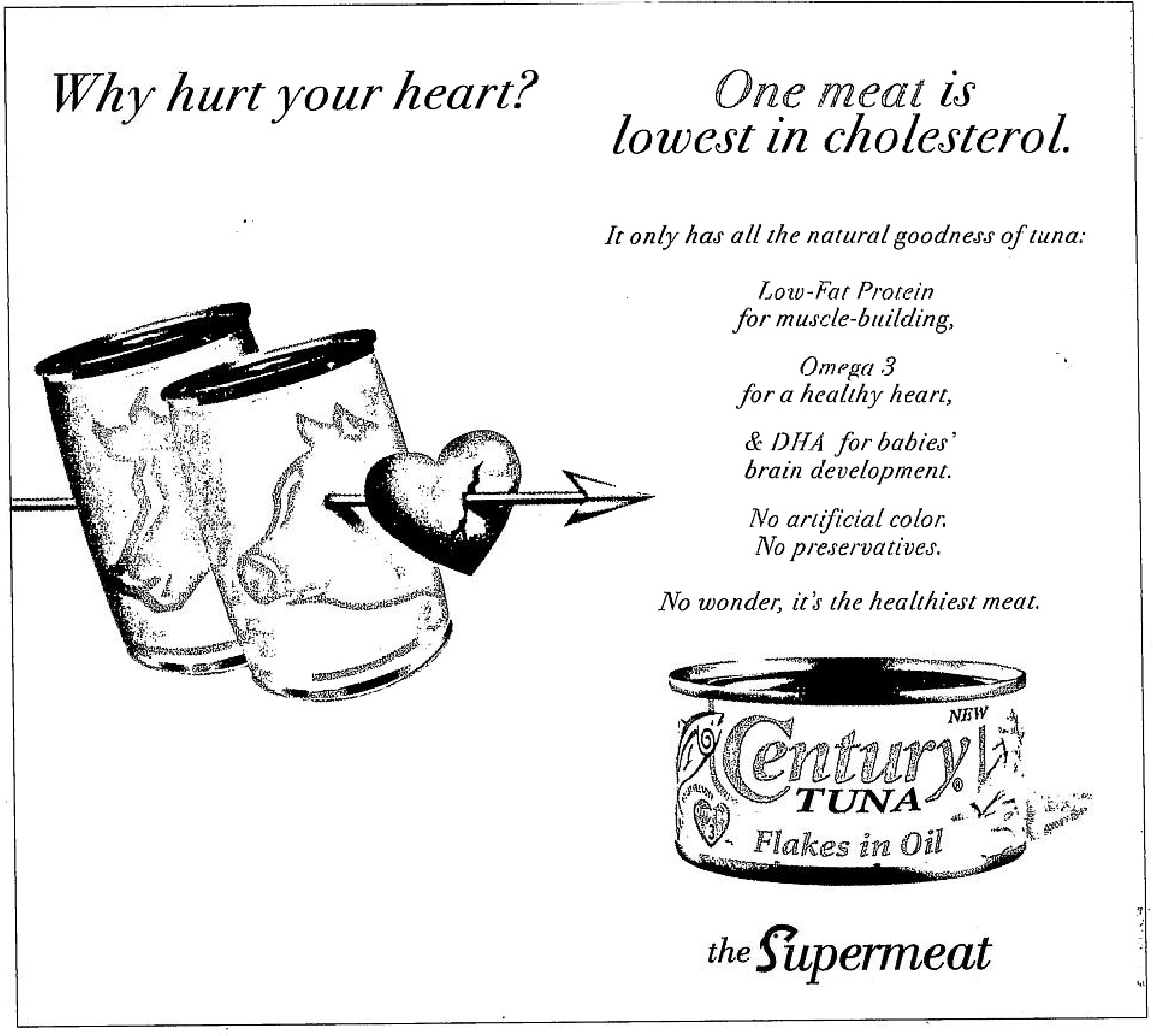
Sunday LIFESTYLE

A boy shares the power of the wish

Story on page E4

San Mateo's lovely lady of thorns

Story on page E2



Why hurt your heart?

One meat is lowest in cholesterol.

It only has all the natural goodness of tuna:

Low-Fat Protein for muscle-building,

Omega 3 for a healthy heart,

& DHA for babies' brain development.

No artificial color. No preservatives.

No wonder, it's the healthiest meat.

NEW Century TUNA Flakes in Oil

the Supermeat

PLDT PHONETASTIC FESTIVAL

EXTENDED!*

RESIDENTIAL PHONES

POST PAID
- P1,500 only (25% savings)
- Free installation + 1 month service of myDSL**
- Auto-activation of PLDT Vibe dial-up internet
- Free Call Plan enrollment
- Auto-activation of 1 Value deal of choice:
  - Caller ID Bundle
  - Call Waiting Bundle
  - Mega Bundle

PREPAID
- P1,400 only -- this includes P500 prepaid card (26% savings)

BUSINESS PHONES
- P2,800 only (20% savings)
- Auto-activation of 1 Value Deal of choice:
  - Caller ID Bundle
  - Call Waiting Bundle
  - Mega Bundle

PLDT THE POWER OF CONVERGENCE

PROMO MECHANICS

1. New subscribers can avail of discounted installation rates and free activation of other services.
2. Applicants must confirm if their areas have existing PLDT facilities through PLDT 171, PLDT Business Offices or PLDT Selling Booths or Sales Representatives.
3. PLDT will confirm availability of line by mailing an official notice.
4. Customer should bring the PLDT notice, along with a valid ID (driver's license, company ID, SSS or TIN) and proof of billing address (latest Meralco, MWSS, credit card or cellphone bill) to the nearest PLDT Business Office and pay the charges for a new phone line.
5. PLDT will install the phone upon receipt of payment.

*You can apply until November 5, 2002. Approved by DTI-NCR.

See Posters and Flyers for details.

**Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 1021, Series of 2002

*Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 3134, Series of 2002

Capture the thrill of the Phonetastic Festival. Just visit any of the following PLDT offices in the following areas:

NORTH LUZON
Cabanatuan - Gapan, Munoz, Cauayan, Aparri, Echague, Ilagan, Tuguegarao
Dagupan - Manaoag, Binmaley
Pampanga - Florida Blanca, Guagua, Lubao, Balanga, Orion, BEPZA, Mexico, San Marcelino, San Narciso
La Union - Laoag
Tarlac - Camiling, Capaz, Concepcion, LIP, Paniqui, Victoria
Baguio - La Trinidad, Naguilian

SOUTH LUZON
Batangas - Alitagtag, Lipa, San Jose, Talisay, Tanauan
Calamba - Canlubang, LTI, UPLB
Kawit - Carmona, Cavite, CEPZA, Dasmarinas, FCIE, Indang, Naic, Rosario, Silang, Trece Martirez, Tagaytay
Lucena - Mauban, Tayabas, Legazpi, San Pablo, Pila, Sta. Cruz, Paete
Malolos - Galeria, Baliuag, Bulacan, Guiguinto, Hagonoy, Plaridel, San Miguel

VISAYAS
Bacolod - Bago, Bais, Bayawan, Cadiz, Escalante, Kabankalan, La Carlota, La Castellana, Manapla, Sagay, Silay, Tanjay
Iloilo - Alimodian, Sara, Banate, Dumangas, Dingle, Roxas, Numancia, Mambusao, Estancia, Pontevedra
Cebu - Argao, Talisay
Mandaue - North Cebu/Mabolo, Mactan, Tagbilaran

MINDANAO
Davao Central - Bangoy
Davao Metro - Cotabato, Bislig, Panabo, Sasa, Calinan, Toril, Isulan, Tacurong, Parang, Sultan Kudarat, Dinalg
Zamboanga - Ozamis, Tagoloan, Oroquieta

GMM
North - Balara, Cubao, Del Monte, Diliman, Grace Park, Malabon, Novaliches, SM City, Valenzuela
South - Las Pinas, North Paranaque, Pasay, RC Bldg., SM Southmall, Tower Business Office
West - Binondo, Cinerama, Escolta, Paco, Sampaloc, SM Centerpoint, Tondo
East - Antipolo, Cainta, Greenhills/ POEA, Pasig, Mandaluyong, New Pasig, SM Megamall, South Marikina

San Mateo's lovely lady of thorns

AN HOUR'S drive from Manila, north of Marikina City, lies the town of San Mateo, in the province of Rizal. It is the home of the Nuestra Señora de Aranzazu, referred to as the Virgin of San Mateo. This is the only place in the Philippines that has been entrusted to the care of Nuestra Señora de Aranzazu.

The holy image of the Blessed Mother came to the Philippines when the Temple of Aranzazu was being built in Guadalajara, Mexico, in 1704. From Spain, devotion to the Virgin had spread to Mexico, and from there it came to the Philippines via the Manila-Acapulco (Galleon) Trade.

When the Augustinians again ceded San Mateo to the Jesuits on Dec. 6, 1696, Fr. Juan Echazabal, S.J. (the name sounds Basque) introduced the devotion to Our Lady in the parish (then known as the Parish of San Mateo since its creation on Aug. 29, 1669, by the Augustinians). He is said to be responsible for changing the town's patron from San Mateo to Nuestra Señora de Aranzazu. It is worth noting that St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, comes from Guiposcoa, Spain, whose patroness is the Lady of Aranzazu.

Original apparition

It was on a Saturday, June 11, 1469, that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Rodrigo de Baltazegui, son of a carpenter from Onati, on the mountains of Alona in the northern part of Spain. While tending his flock of goats, he saw the bright image of a beautiful Lady holding an infant in her arms. The vision was only momentary, but it lasted long enough for the Lady to say, "My son, tell your father to build on this site a shrine of five thin boards and seven tiles. You will call this site a shrine, Aranzazu. I assure you it will be famous in time, and a great number of children will come here to honor me with songs of praise and attend holy Masses." Overjoyed, Rodrigo did as he was told.

A few days later, while again tending his flock, a second event occurred. Rodrigo was startled by the mysterious sound of a bell ringing. He followed the mysterious sound and was led to a thorn tree with a strangely carved trunk. The bell was hanging from the trunk and ringing by itself. On top of the tree was a magnificent stone statue of the Madonna and Child, just as he had seen it in the earlier vision. At this, he exclaimed "*Arantzan Zu! Vos es el espino?* (Thou amongst the thorns)."

At that time, the country was torn by a civil war and experiencing a severe drought. Rodrigo brought the townspeople to the scene where they started praying for rain. Their prayers were answered. Rain poured all night, and thus began a much-needed period of healing.

After years of ecclesiastical investigation, the statue discovered by Rodrigo was sanctioned under the title of Nuestra Señora de Aranzazu, and her feast was celebrated every Sept. 9, a day after the birthday celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Monastery of the Franciscans enshrines the original sculpture, and to date, the place is a pilgrimage site.

San Mateo tricentennial

A replica of the original statue can be found today in San Mateo Parish, which will be 300 years old in 2004. To prepare for the tricentennial, the parish priest, Msgr. Mariano T. Balbago Jr., designated three years for reflecting on the blessings that the Good Lord has bestowed on the town and its people.

> Our Lady of Aranzazu will mark 300 years of patronage and blessings

PARADA ng Kakanin, a cultural revival in San Mateo

The first year, 2001-2002, is for the formation and strengthening of the basic ecclesiastical communities as "grace-filled communities of faith becoming the Church of Disciples." The year 2002-2003 will promote the basic ecclesial communities as "spirit-led communities of faith becoming the Church of the Poor." And 2003-2004 will see the transformation of the basic ecclesial communities as "active and blessed communities of love becoming the Church of Communion-in-Mission."

Since 1998, the image of the Nuestra Señora de Aranzazu has been making the rounds of parishioners' homes, staying overnight with chosen families. Speakers explain the faith to the community and Mass is said before the image moves on to the next family. Known as Lakbay Dalaw, the activity seeks to have the Blessed Mother visit 72 Arks or basic ecclesial communities that compose the whole parish yearly in preparation for the Feast of the Nuestra Señora.

Fiesta events

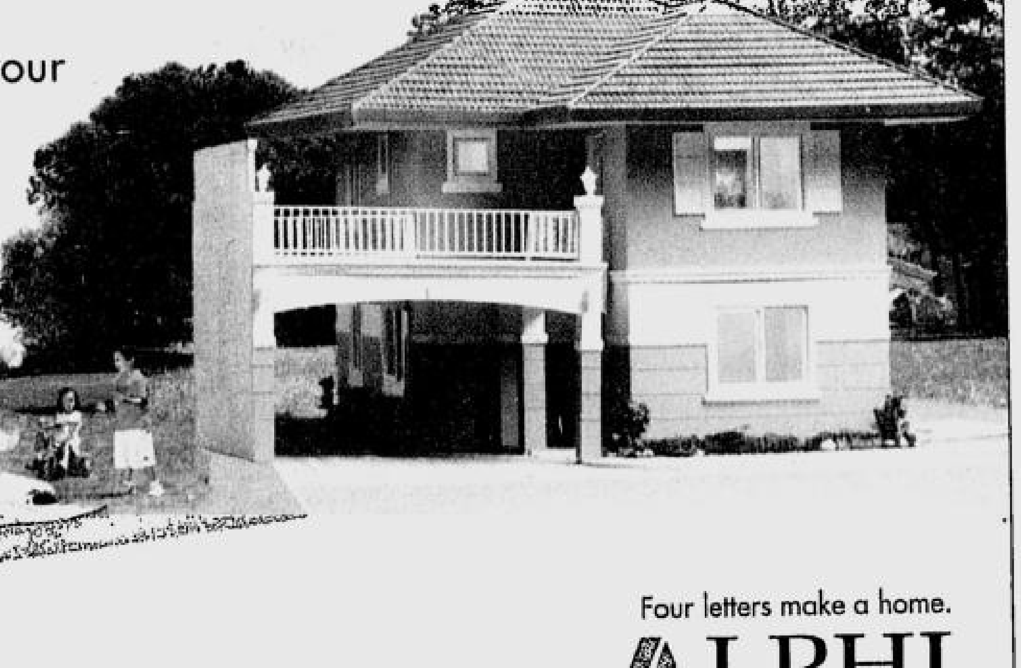
Until today, novenas are said morning and afternoon in the town, with reflections on how to deepen the lives of families in the communities. Three days of cultural and variety shows spearheaded by the Parish Youth Ministry and other religious organizations will add interest and merrymaking to usher in the fiesta celebration.

Tomorrow, concelebrated Masses will be held at 7 a.m., presided over by Most Rev. Crisostomo A. Yalung, D.D., Bishop of Antipolo, and at 6 p.m. by Most Rev. Manuel A. Sobrevinas, Bishop Emeritus of Imus and longtime parish priest of San Mateo.

The fiesta celebration will also be highlighted by a Parada ng Kakanin, a cultural revival in San Mateo now on its fifth year. Once upon a time the town was known for its *kakanin*—about 21 different varieties—special riches which the townsfolk consider as one of the many blessings they should pass on to future generations.

The Parada will be participated in by all sectors, including local officials and civic organizations. Dancing in the streets will be an awaited activity—a commemoration of olden times, when Spanish friends would come to visit on the Blessed Virgin's feast day and dance with the townsfolk in festive gatherings.

Fiesta activities and preparations were initiated by the parish priest and his parochial vicar, Fr. Jose Rock C. Berdo, and the Pastoral Council led by Bro. Edmund Arista and Randy Florencio, with the assistance of the 10 Pastoral Centers of the San Mateo town in Patiis, Dulongbayan 1 and 2, Guitnang Bayan 1 and 2 and Sta. Ana. The biggest celebration yet is set for 2003-2004.



A far cry from city living but just minutes away.

You'd have thought that living so near the business centers of Makati, Ortigas and Quezon City would affect the way of life here. We're glad to say that's just not the case. At St. Alexandra, you wake up to the cool mountain air of Antipolo. Hear birds in the trees, instead of revving motors. Not only that, you get to live in houses built with you and your family in mind, in a community complete with amenities such as a club house, a park, a basketball court, and other facilities for your family's comfort. Experience a life apart from city living while staying just minutes away. Call us and see what payment scheme suits you best at LPHI at 848-5071, 814-7451, 848-5072, 814-7497, 848-5073 or 750-5209.

St. Alexandra Estates

Four letters make a home.
ALPHI
LAGUNA PROPERTIES HOLDINGS, INC.
An AYALA LAND, INC. Subsidiary

From PASIG/MAKATI: Take Ortigas Extension. Turn left at Binangonan-Tanay-Antipolo Junction. Turn right at Ynares Sports Complex (Circumferential Road). Go straight, pass 7-11 junction, pass Flying V gas station junction (Teresa National Road). Project site 1 km. away, at the right side. From QUEZON CITY: Take Marcos Highway. Turn right at the Masinag Market junction (Sumulong Highway). Turn left at "Prutasan" (Circumferential Road). Go straight until Flying V gas station junction. Make a sharp left to Teresa National Road. Project site 1 km. away at the right side. You can also email us at mktg.lphi@ayalaland.com.ph. HLURB License to Sell No.: 04913.

Come to the Investors' Night on September 19 at the Manila Galleria Suites.

May big-time blow-out dahil
one year na kami
1
As much as P100 na dagdag sa load mo!
touch mobile
P500
touch mobile
prepaid card

May 20% dagdag sa load mo from September 1 to 30, 2002.*
Load a P500 call card and get P600 worth of credits, may P100 free bonus!
Load a P300 call card and get P360 worth of credits, may P60 free bonus!

Dagdag sa Calls, Text, Voice Info, Voice Message, NDD, IDD! Ikaw ang bahala! The more call cards you load, the more bonus loads you'll get.

touch
mobile

Touching you more often in more ways.

Powered by:
GLOBE TELECOM

For more information, call 808 from Touch Mobile handsets (24-hour Hotline); toll-free 730-1500 from any local landline or visit *www.touchmobile.com.ph* Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 3248. Series of 2002. *Approved by DTI-NCR.

Give your Child the Winning Edge!

Cancer-stricken but a wonder boy in his own right, Michael Piedad gets his wish to see the wonder of the skies

FLANKED by Ifugao elders atop the rice terraces, the boy gets what his heart desires.

A boy shares the power of the wish

By Constantino C. Tejero

MICHAEL Piedad loved basketball, swimming, billiards—sports dependent on the use of hands. In July, he lost an arm. He was 12.

The lump on his left arm was discovered last year during the Holy Week. It grew rapidly and caused so much pain to the boy, but it was not until three weeks later that he was taken to the hospital for a checkup. The finding: *osteosarcoma proxmal hemerus*, the most common form of bone cancer.

In a few months the arm had completely gone numb, then gradually shriveled. It had to be amputated before the cancer cells could spread to the lungs.

"It's stage 2, and usually by that stage, 60-80 percent of the patients survive," says orthopedic surgeon Elvin Panliboton, who performed the 2 ½-hour operation on Michael at the Philippine Orthopedic Center last July.

A fifth grader at the Maragondon Elementary School, Michael had to stop schooling. It is just fortunate for him that only his nondominant extremity, the left arm, has been affected, because then, though it would be difficult for him to do some basketball or swimming, he still can play a little billiards.

"My prognosis is, *medyo maganda* compared to other patients," says Panliboton. "*Malakas ang bata, hindi masyadong nade*-depress. He's moody, but hopeful. In the hospital he plays with his *barkada*, who are also patients like him. They often play Lego. Thanks to the hospital's social services—*malaki ang naitulong sa kanya*. Through Kythe and Make-a-Wish Foundation, he and his group have gone to Enchanted Kingdom, the Manila Zoo, a joyride on the MRT."

Mood swings

The granting of these children's deepest wishes in no small way helps in the process of physical and psychic integration. It may not be a cure, but the power of a wish can hardly be underestimated. It creates hope, strength, inspiration, which may lead to healing.

Michael had a wish: to see the Banaue Rice Terraces. On Aug. 30—through the concerted efforts of the Department of Tourism, Philippine Orthopedic Center-Kythe, Make-a-Wish Foundation Philippines and the Ayala Corporation—the wish was granted.

At around 10 that Friday morning, a helicopter provided by Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala made a round of the mountaintops of Ifugao, and slowly descended on a small helipad a walking distance above Banaue Hotel. From the chopper emerged Michael and his family, Panliboton, Kythe caregiver Evelyn Muniz, Make-a-Wish Foundation International director Eduardo Santos.

Michael had just had his fifth chemotherapy cycle. The first three cycles were handled by the family, and the last two by sponsors. A cycle would cost an average of P10,000 at the Philippine Orthopedic Center. Michael's mother, Nancy, has a small eatery in Maragondon, while father Orlando is a jeepney driver, earning barely enough to sustain the daily basic needs of a family of six.

Michael had now gone bald from the chemotherapy, and he was wearing a baseball cap and loose outfit. He was a healthy-looking boy, even chubby, but hardly smiling.

MICHAEL arrives in a chopper with Dr. Elvin Panliboton.

His mother said he had been going through mood swings lately, occasional tantrums, and would malinger. Often his three elder siblings had to put up with him. His morale was low, especially after the amputation.

A few questions

At the entrance of Banaue Hotel, the group was welcomed by Ifugao Gov. Teodoro Bagilat and hotel resident manager Cerilina Chan. At lunch, the boy was quite attentive as the governor told him the story of the rice terraces, the construction of their mud-and-stone foundation over 2,000 years ago, the ancient irrigation system, even the rice wine-making of the Ifugaos.

A few questions were on everybody's mind: Why the Banaue Rice Terraces? Why not New Zealand, for example, which has much taller, more precipitous peaks—a virtual Middle Earth? And why this particular wish? Why not meet billiard wizard Efren "Bata" Reyes and have a round at the table?

The boy said he had wanted to see this world wonder since he was small. And how did he know about it? *"Sa libro-libro po,"* he replied in a low, shy voice.

It seemed he saw photographs of it and other beauty spots of the country like the Chocolate Hills in a Social Studies textbook when he was in Grade 2. His fascination had not diminished since, and he was constantly reminded since his hospital was located on Banawe Avenue in Quezon City.

And how much does he know about these terraces? *"Na ito po ay hagdan-hagdang palayan,"* the boy quietly replied. *"At ito po ay ginawa ng mga katutubo."*

(And, we should add, a DOT campaign is pushing it as the greatest of the wonders of the ancient world since it is the only one not built by slaves.)

People from Make-a-Wish consider Michael's wish unique because, while children his age would have wanted to go to Disneyland or meet their idols, his was to see the greatest agricultural achievement in human history.

"Every wish-granting is unique," says foundation president Philip Pastoral. "Every child has a different story. The common denominator is their innocence and simple view of life."

Efforts are made to include the immediate family in the wish. If the child is meeting with a celebrity, the two are given ample time to be together by themselves, at least 5-10 minutes of private time.

"The concept is: Let the family let down its guard," says Pastoral. "Just relax. Because at other times the family members cannot concentrate on their work, on their jobs. Because they're distracted by the disease, or the caregiving takes up their time."

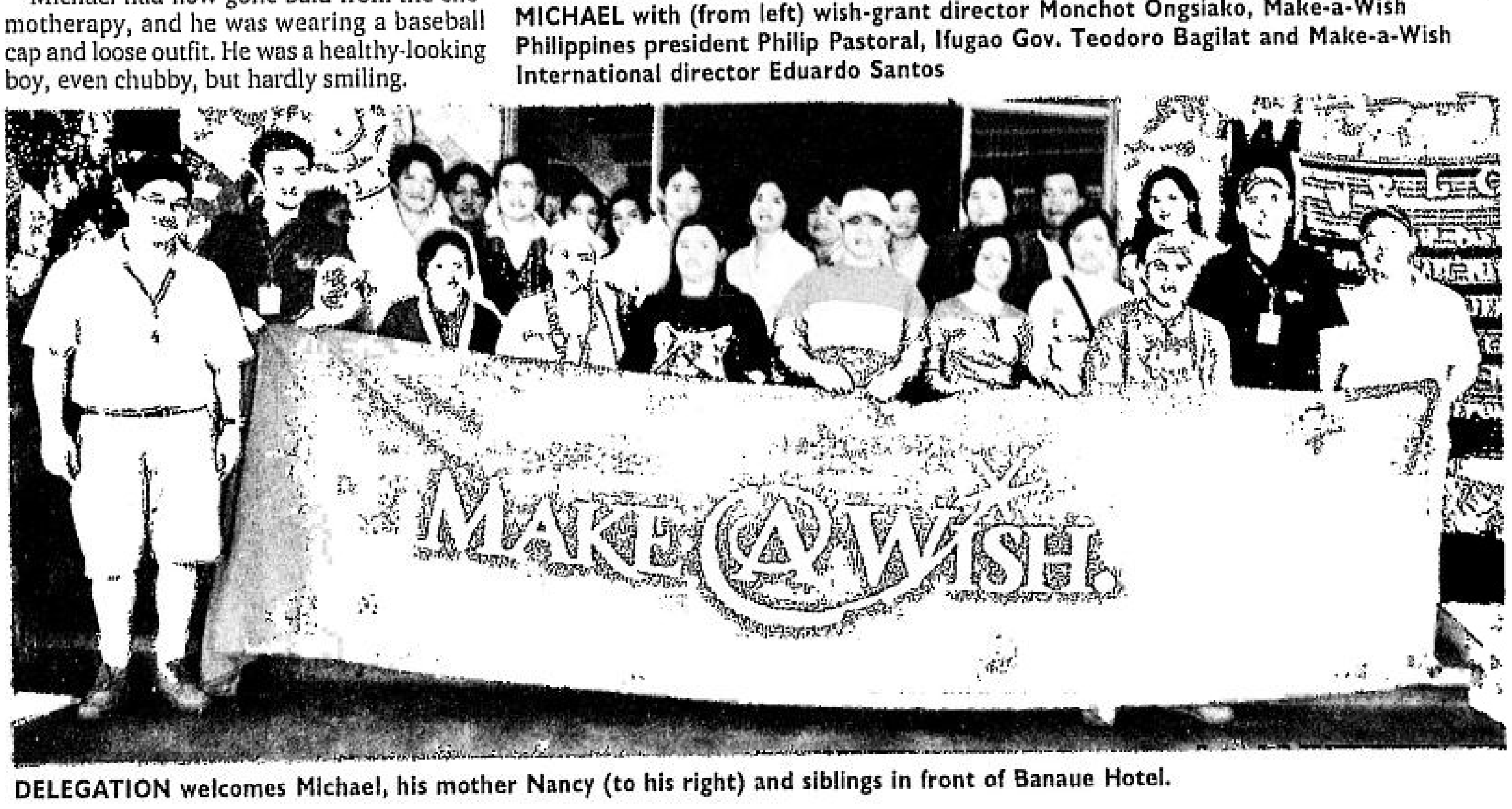
Private moments

For this trip, Make-a-Wish Foundation Philippines acknowledges the support of DOT Undersecretary Oscar Palabyab and DOT-Cordillera Autonomous Region head Purificacion Molintas; the Philippine Tourism Authority general manager Nixon Kua, Banaue Hotel's sales-marketing head Gae Mocas, and Chan; and Leona Nepomuceno of the DOT Office of Media Affairs.

"We try to grant the most ardent wish," says wish-grant director Monchot Ongsiako. "And one of our slogans is: 'This is the day we all got

A BOY/ p.E5

MICHAEL with (from left) wish-grant director Monchot Ongsiako, Make-a-Wish Philippines president Philip Pastoral, Ifugao Gov. Teodoro Bagilat and Make-a-Wish International director Eduardo Santos



DELEGATION welcomes Michael, his mother Nancy (to his right) and siblings in front of Banaue Hotel.

Food and entertainment center marks 1st year with grand bash

THE AYALA Food and Entertainment Center within Ayala Center Cebu mall celebrated its first anniversary with a jazz explosion throughout the month of August. On one particular evening, a grand bash was held, featuring acrobats from Changchun (China) and Cebuana singing sensation Verni Varga.

CEBU CEBU

Jaime Picornell

The center has become the "in" place in Cebu because of the various outlets that offer excellent cuisine. Tequila Joe's is there, so are Sol y Luna and Café Adriatico. Lots of people attended, and the event lasted well into the night.

A few days later, Cebu Holdings president Rene Almendras, with Ayala Center's VP Teng Angan and marketing manager Joy Polloso, invited the Arts Council's president, Petite Garcia, and founder Fe Sala Villarica to lunch at Café Ad. They discussed how to make Ayala Center a hub for the arts; its Theater 1 of the cinema row was inaugurated two years ago as the ACC Theater for the Performing Arts.

Fe Villarica has her studio for Ballet Center within Ayala Mall and, at the moment, it is where rehearsals for the world premiere of a new ballet, "The Little Mermaid," are held. More than 100 participate in it, and when all of them cannot fit into the studio, Lygia Ibañez lends the big space at St. Benedict's School for the "practices."

Nick Pacaña and Gregory Aaron from Festival Ballet in Atlanta, Georgia, have choreographed the ballet and are directing it. They have been inspired by the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale and have given it a happy ending. The little mermaid does get her prince to love her and she is not turned into sea foam, as the original would have it.

Nick and Greg appear in it, too, as the Prince and Triton (the sea king), respectively. Sheila Lendio and Melonie Patalinghug, principal dancers of the Queen City Chamber Ballet, alternate in the title role. Mariejan Pestaño and Thea Pala, alternate as the Queen of the Sea.

Opening night for "The Little Mermaid" is on Sept. 20, with a gala show at Theater 1. There will be a matinee the following day, Sept. 21, at the same venue. To accommodate the number of people who want to see the ballet, two more performances have been scheduled: Sept. 27 (matinee) and Sept. 28 (gala) at the SM City Cebu Theater 1.

AT THE AYALA bash: Joy Polloso, Sol y Luna's June Ugarte and Iris Arcenas, Teng Angan and Bong Dy

CEBU Holdings president Rene Almendras, Alvin Alazas and Patrick Gregorio, president of Waterfront Philippines

VERNI Varga

For the Arts Council, aside from "The Little Mermaid," there will be more events in the forthcoming weeks, all of them artistic expressions of the first magnitude. They have been known to reject events that are seemingly not up to their standards. That has earned for the Arts Council of Cebu the undisputed recognition of being the arbiter for the arts in the south.

On the evening of Sept. 27, the Arts Council teams up with the Embassy of Switzerland and its consulate in Cebu to present the highly acclaimed "Trio la Tache" at the Europa Delicatessen. A select audience of 100 has been invited, and Swiss Consul Markus Stern hopes the new Swiss ambassador could attend.

"Trio la Tache" involves the clarinet—Urs Brugger; cello—Curdin Coray; and piano—Hansjorg Koch, who will find the heirloom walnut piano from Switzerland at Europa a delight.

The repertoire includes music from Austria—Mozart's Trio in E Flat; Germany—Brahms' Trio in A Minor; and Switzerland—Paul Juon, excellent contemporary composer whose four pieces for clarinet, cello and piano will be performed on this occasion.

On Oct. 2, 3 and 4, the Arts Council brings about the second Cine Europa film festival for Cebu. The film screenings will be at Ayala Theater 1, with cocktails at Café Laguna in Ayala Center preceding the opening film. Dinner for the visiting ambassadors and other diplomats from participating countries will be at Sol y Luna.

NICK Pacaña and Fe Sala Villarica

The films come from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

On Oct. 4, Ambassador Renee Veyret is expected to view the French film. French Consul Richard Forteau will welcome her together with Vikki Hermosisima, who was recently named chevalier of L'Ordre des Palmes Academiques by Ambassador Veyret. Cebuana pianist Ingrid Sala Santamaria was also inducted chevalier on this occasion. Didn't we say she's the best?

Barely a week after Cine Europa, the Arts Council will present another filmfest, this time the fourth Israel Film Festival for Cebu, also at the Theater 1. Israeli Ambassador Irit Ben Abba is expected, and she'll host a reception on the opening day, Oct. 8.

Then, on Oct. 20, the Arts Council, with Instituto Cervantes, will extend "Fiesta 2002!" by way of a concert featuring three sopranos—Ana Luisa Espi-nosa from Spain, and Josie Roces Chavez and Rachel Gerodias from the Philippines. It will be held at the grand ballroom of the City Sports Complex Cebu.

Will Instituto Cervantes director Javier Galvan attend the event? At any rate, the Casino Español de Cebu intends to invite him for the groundbreaking ceremony of the new edifice in the morning of Oct. 19.

The old building of Casino Español has been leveled, and all activities have been moved to the nearby mansion of the late Don Gil and Doña Teresa Garcia, where, in the evening of Oct. 19, a grandiose barrio fiesta will be held to celebrate Dia de la Hispanidad in lieu of a grand ball. Two years, hence, it will be at the new structure, promises club president Jess Cuenco.

A boy shares the power of the wish

From page E4

to forget I am sick.'"

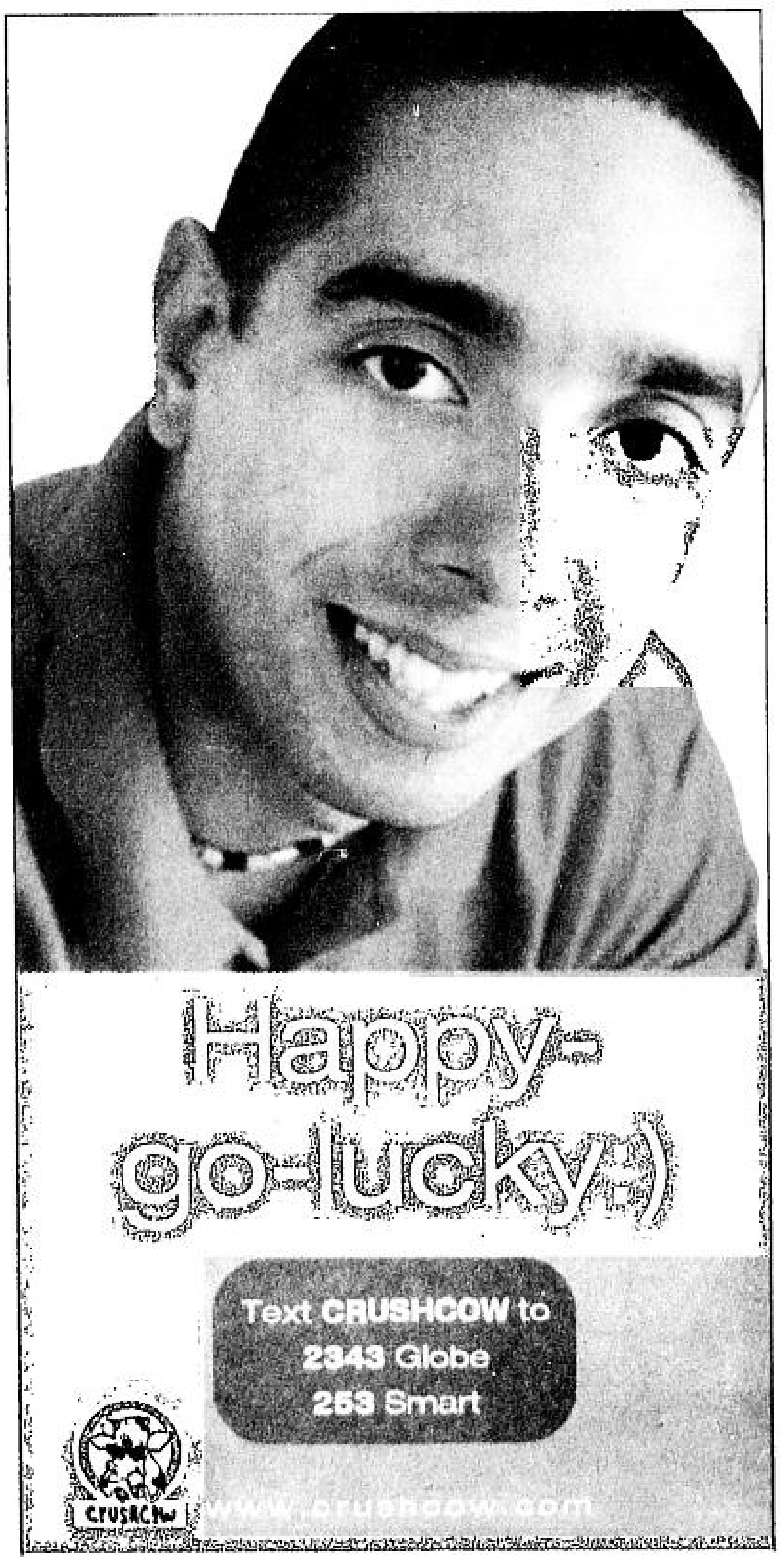
Michael and his family were given ample private moments to enjoy the scenery and imbibe the culture. Tour of the rice terraces was scheduled every afternoon, and Michael beheld them from various viewpoints.

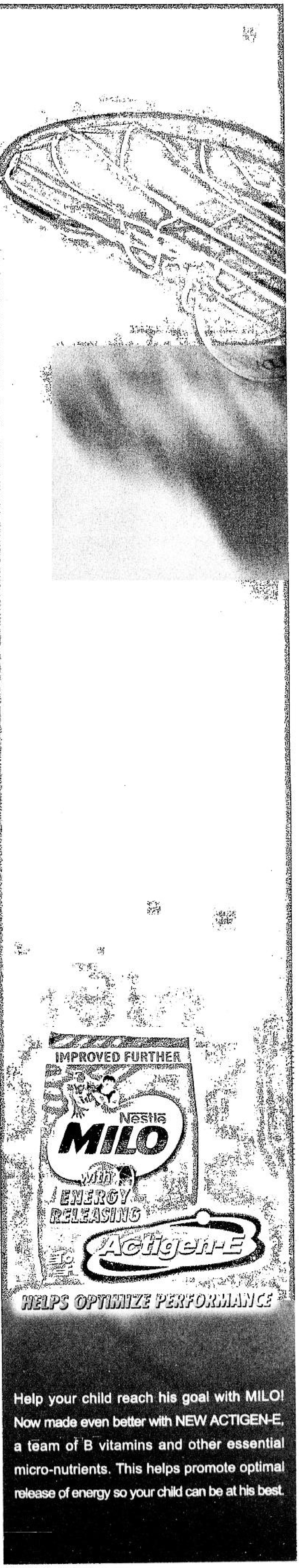
He also did some shopping at the town's trade center, and got a collection of ethnic beads, from necklaces to bracelets. He soaked in the indigenous culture in the Banaue Museum and, during the cultural show at the hotel lobby, where, for the first time, we saw him smile broadly, as he watched the antics of Ongsiako during the free-for-all dancing.

Toward midnight, at the poolside, while his adult companions were boozing nearby, he dipped his feet in the pool's chilly water and created ripples. The following day, in the morning and then again in the afternoon, he was gamboling with his brothers and sister in the swimming pool.

At night, he spent a few hours in the hotel's billiard hall, where, with just one arm, he beat some tough guys at a few rounds of pool, with his teeth holding in place the loose sleeve of his shirt where the other arm had been.

On Sunday, in the heat and glare and through zigzagging roads, Michael Piedad and his family traveled for eight hours by van back to Metro Manila. He was going directly to the hospital for medical observation prior to his sixth chemotherapy sometime this month. Also, he was into some last-minute preparation for his First Holy Communion.


Happy-go-lucky :-)
Text CRUSHCOW to
2343 Globe
253 Smart
CRUSHCOW
www.crushcow.com



Help your child reach his goal with MILO! Now made even better with NEW ACTIGEN-E, a team of B vitamins and other essential micro-nutrients. This helps promote optimal release of energy so your child can be at his best.

She is infatuated with a boy band member

DEAR Tita Dulce,

I'm 19, taking up business economics. Six years ago, I got very attracted to a member of a boy band in the US. I spent a lot of time thinking of him and looking for information on him that I almost failed in school. I recovered though, and learned to set my priorities.

All the same, I did not forget him. I thought I was in love with him, but I consulted my mom and read books about it, and concluded that it was just infatuation.

That was hard for me to accept because the more I learn about him, the more I want him. I just want to make him happy, so I often feel like a mother to him, except for the sensual feelings.

The nice thing is that he inspires me, brings out the best in me, makes me smile, and teaches me a lot about myself. The sad part is that I feel very bad that we can't be together and that he doesn't even know me. It's so absurd that I'm embarrassed to talk to others about him.

I've been praying that God would let me know if this is really love, or that God would help me forget him.

Does this thing really happen or am I just crazy?

DANIELLE

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

You're not crazy, just infatuated. And you're not the only one. Everyone goes through it, although most people probably experience only a mild and brief form.

Like everyone else, you will outgrow it. So although it has been six years in your case, it won't be forever. In fact, I think you are beginning to get over it because you've started to describe your feelings for him as "absurd."

And, in many ways, it is. He probably won't ever know that you exist. Sure, there's always that one in a million chance that his band would come over and you'd manage to squeeze through the mob and get a whiff of his cologne as he rushes by. But what are the chances that he'd stop, turn around, look at you, hold your hand, take you home and introduce you to his mom?

And are you sure that it is him you adore and not just a mirage? After all, what you know about him are only what his managers let out, and they don't let out anything that would damage his perfect-guy image. Like his other fans, you've never seen his feet of clay. And if given the chance to know the real him, you'd probably be terribly disappointed in what you'd see—because idols created by commerce and the media are invariably much, much less than their infatuated fans see them to be.

So if you choose to call that love and not infatuation, then you're in a very frustrated and (as you described it) absurd situation—because you'd be in love with a guy you don't really know and who doesn't even know that you exist.

If you ask me, we can never say we love someone unless we accept his entire person, warts and all. And since you've never seen his "warts," he is not an entire person to you yet. All he is to you is a composite of the ideals that you have endowed him with. And, of course, he can't love you either, because you don't exist to him as a person but as a statistic.

So don't call it love. Call it infatuation—a passing fancy, no matter how eternal, real and strong your feelings are.

Don't scold yourself for being infatuated, however. It's not entirely bad. On the contrary, infatuation has given you a glimpse of what young hearts will eventually grapple with: love. What you had was only a good mimic of love, but even then, you got a very good idea of how such a strong emotion it is that, when you gave in to it without thinking, it wiped out your good grades. That was a subtle warning about love, which is a much more formidable emotion. Spelled out, the warning says: If you lose your head while you're in love's grip, you could lose not just your grades, but your honor and your bright future as well.

Infatuation has planted a nice germ of love in your heart. Keep it there. But keep its lesson and warning in your head as well.

E-mail titadulce@netscape.net or send letters to P.O. Box 2353, Makati CPO 1263 Makati City, or PDI, Chino Roces Avenue corner Yague and Mascardo Streets, Makati City

HOW FAR CAN YOUR CHILD GO IN THE RACE CALLED LIFE?

The last time you looked, he was toying with his teether. Today, he'd rather hang out with his own group of friends. With everything that's going on in his life, is it ever possible for him to run out of energy?

EVERYDAY IS A RACE

He may be merely a child, but the many activities he goes through can easily drain your child of his energy. There are always different challenges--the demands of school, the stamina for play, and the drive to succeed over his peers. With such intense daily competition, he is bound to get tired sooner than you think.

THE CHALLENGE OF KEEPING UP

It's tough to keep up. As a parent, more focus and attention should be given to your child's energy and nutrient needs. These will determine how far he can go to achieve his goals.

To ensure that your child gets all he needs, give him a glass of MILO before he leaves for school. Not only is it an ideal breakfast drink that's rich in chocolatey taste, it's also packed with vitamins and nutrients to boost your child's energy requirements. And to make sure that your child copes, pack a bottle of MILO RTD to help him last the day.

NEW MILO WITH ACTIGEN-E

MILO now has ACTIGEN-E, a team of B-vitamin complex and essential micronutrients like vit. C, iron, calcium, magnesium, and phosphorous.

These effectively help promote the optimal release of energy from protein, fats and carbohydrates.

All of these combined ensure that your child will not run out of energy, so he can be at his best, both physically and mentally.

Help your child reach his goals. Give him MILO everyday.

Breakfast: The Most Important Meal

Does the end justify the means? This is the question you should ask yourself when you allow your child to board the school bus without first having breakfast. Sure, he will get to school in time for his first subject, but how will he perform during the day?

Many studies have found that there is a clear relationship between eating breakfast and learning ability, attention span, and general well-being. Children who skip breakfast can become restless and weak in the middle of the morning. What sets in is transient hunger, a condition in which they become too preoccupied with hunger, causing poor concentration. They suffer irritability, restlessness and low performance in school.

In contrast, children who are regular breakfast eaters think faster and clearer. They do better in school as they can easily solve problems and understand lessons.

Aside from boosting the mental ability of your child, a nutritious breakfast can also help build his immune system. A study conducted by the School of Psychology at Cardiff University in Wales found that people who eat breakfast are better equipped to ward off illnesses such as colds and flu – some of the most common illnesses of children.

Why? When your child sleeps, he goes on an eight-hour fast. By the time he wakes up, his energy reserves as well as the nutrients in his body are at a low level.

Therefore, it is important and logical to fill up in the morning to prepare for the activities that lie ahead. Eating a healthy breakfast also boosts the immune system to keep illnesses at bay.

Fuelling up

As a mother, you don't want to hear horror stories about your child being a laughing stock in school because he can't keep up with other kids in terms of energy and mental ability. This can result in feelings of inferiority. You can protect your child by giving him a hearty, filling and nutritious breakfast.

Sanirose Orbeta, a noted sports and clinical nutritionist, says that skipping breakfast is a bad habit among Filipinos and especially children.

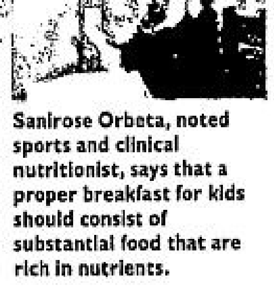
"Sometimes, kids just grab a hotdog or a cookie for breakfast. Breakfast should consist of more substantial food," she said. "Breakfast should be a mixture of the important nutrients: 60% carbohydrates, 15% protein, and 25% fat," says Orbeta.

An active child's diet should consist of carbohydrates, protein, essential fats, vitamins and minerals. B-Vitamins are important so that he will have enough energy for both school and play. Food such as grains, cereals, root crops, corn and bread are rich sources of this much-needed group of vitamins.

To jumpstart the day, Orbeta suggests foods such as cereals, sandwiches and fruits like banana to make an ideal breakfast for your active child. A cup of New Improved Milo with Actigen-E during breakfast completes the meal. It is an easy and convenient way for your child to get essential B-Vitamins. New Improved MILO has Actigen-E, a combination of B-Vitamins and other essential nutrients that help in the optimal release of energy. The components of Actigen-E also help suppress memory loss, fatigue, muscular weakness and sluggishness.

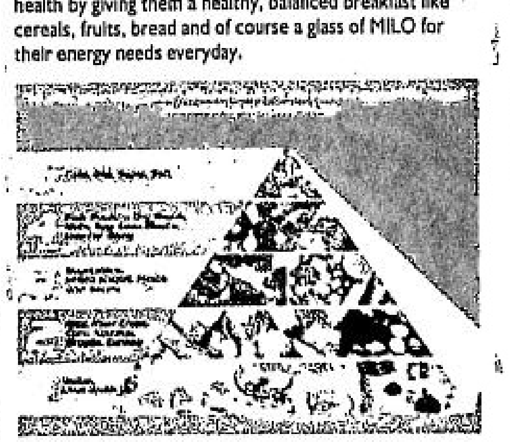
"Children can sustain their energy throughout the day if they get adequate B-Vitamins. Well-energized kids can sustain their energy level from the moment they get to school until classes end," Orbeta advises.

Growing up in an active environment is hard for a child who isn't properly nourished. Give your child a healthy edge — by feeding him the right foods that will help him cope with his activities and enjoy all the dimensions of childhood.



Sanirose Orbeta, noted sports and clinical nutritionist, says that a proper breakfast for kids should consist of substantial food that are rich in nutrients.

A breakfast a day is the right way. Boost your kids' health by giving them a healthy, balanced breakfast like cereals, fruits, bread and of course a glass of MILO for their energy needs everyday.



Breakfast should be a mixture of important nutrients: 60% carbohydrates, 15% protein, and 25% fat.

Langhap-
Sarap
sa Jollibee
bee happy
SAVE P11
₱29
ONLY
Jollibee.

French Fries not available for delivery and bulk orders.

2 Reg. French Fries

Langhap-
Sarap
sa Jollibee
bee happy
SAVE P22
₱42
ONLY

2 Spaghetti Specials

Jollibee

Sulit-Sarap

X2

Hurry! Until Sept 13 only!

Per DTI-NCR Permit # 3350 Series of 2002

Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only!

Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only!

Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only!

Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only!

Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only!

Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only!

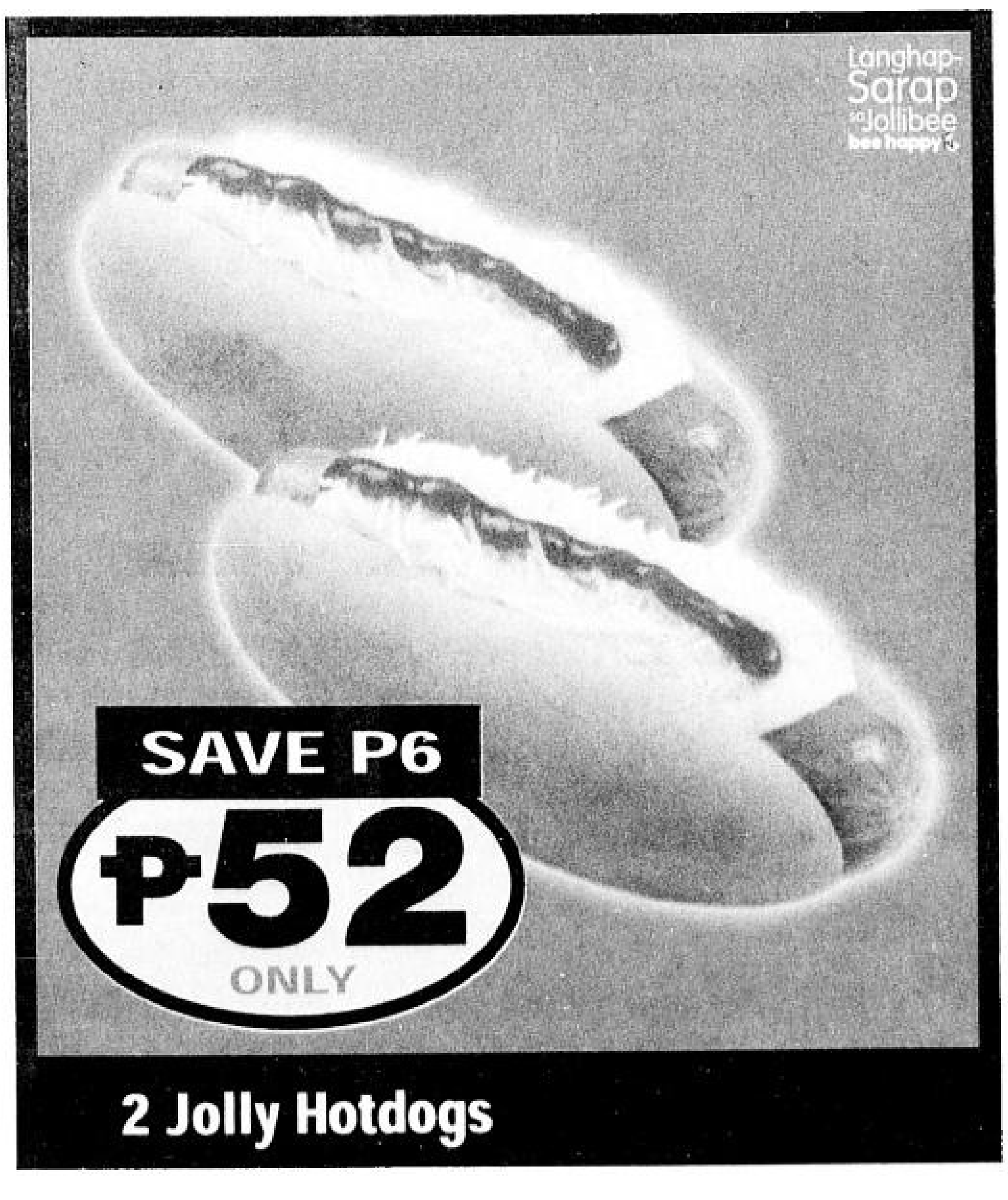
Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only!

Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only! Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only! Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only! Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only! Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only! Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only! Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only! Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only! Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy. 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only! Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only! Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only! Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only!

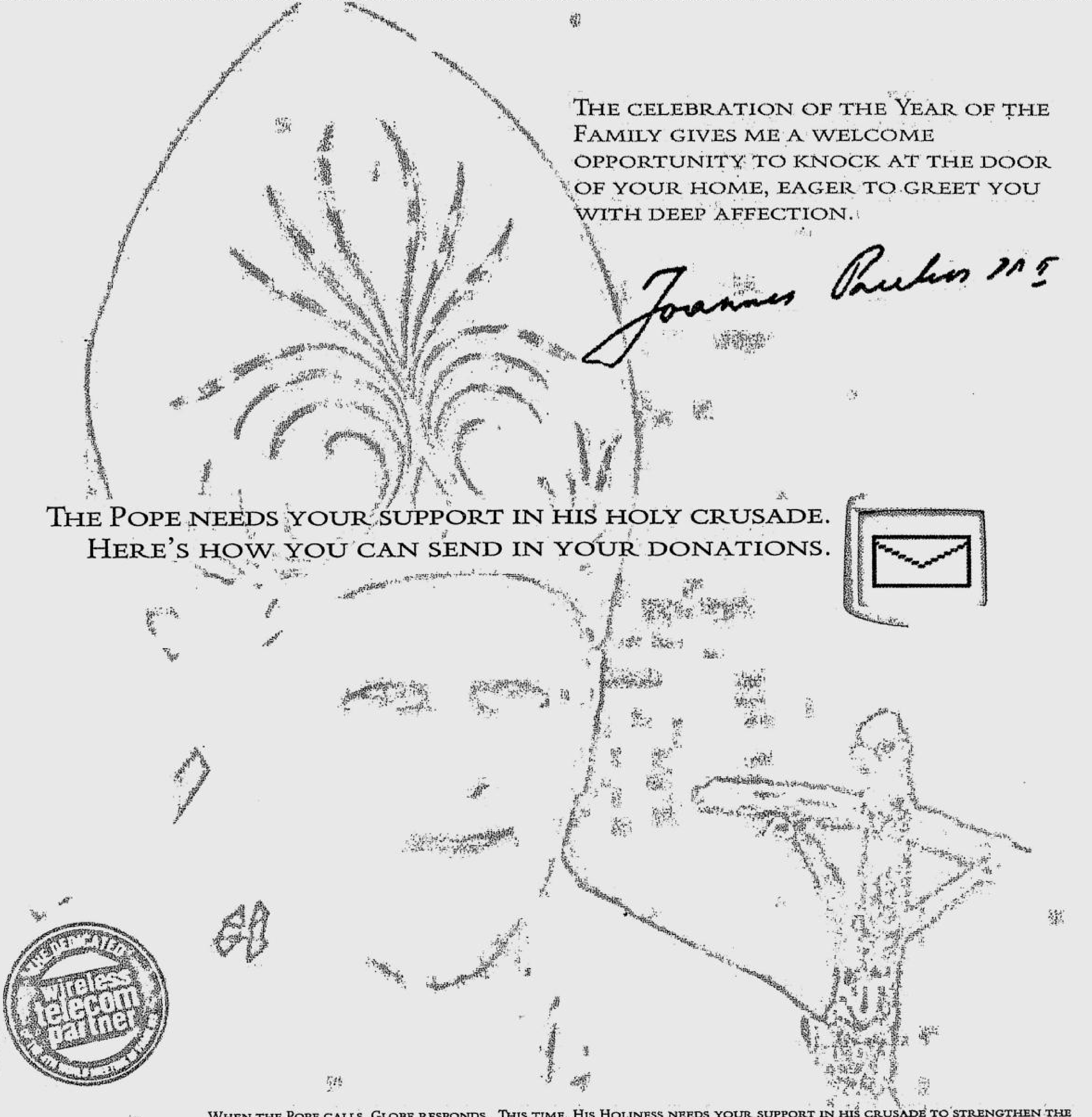
Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only! Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. .Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only! Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only! Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only! Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only! Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only! Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only! Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only! Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only! Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums with Cheese for only P52.00 and save P8.00! Buy 2 Jolly Hotdogs for only P52.00 and save P6.00! Hurry! This promo is until September 13 only! Jollibee Sulit-Sarap X 2! Buy 2 French Fries for only P29.00 and save P11.00! Buy 2 Spaghetti Specials for only 42.00 and save P22.00! Buy 2 Reg. Yums

Langhap-
Sarap
sa Jollibee
bee happy
SAVE P8
₱52
ONLY

2 Reg. Yums w/ Cheese



2 Jolly Hotdogs



The celebration of the Year of the Family gives me a welcome opportunity to knock at the door of your home, eager to greet you with deep affection.

Joannes Paulus II

The Pope needs your support in his holy crusade. Here's how you can send in your donations.

The Dedicated wireless telecom partner

When the Pope calls, Globe responds. This time, His Holiness needs your support in his crusade to strengthen the Christian family through the 4th World Meeting of Families. You can do your share by joining Vatican Txter: Unscramble Trivia Game, by sending a text blessing to your loved ones or by downloading the World Meeting of Families icons, text cards and ringtone. Part of the proceeds from each text sent or download will be donated to the 4th World Meeting of Families.

Also, each text you send wins you a raffle entry for the chance to win a weekly prize* of either a Globe Handyphone or a Touch Mobile Phone Kit. For the grand prize, a family of four wins a trip to the Vatican for the chance to see the Pope himself. Truly, charity has its rewards.

THE 4th WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES
January 23-26, 2003

GLOBE TELECOM
In the service of the Pope. In the service of the Faith.

Don't forget to register before playing! [illegible]

Type in REG <space> your first name <space> your age <space> and gender. Send to 2980.
You will receive a confirmation message after registering.

REG<space>
Ana <space>
20 <space> F

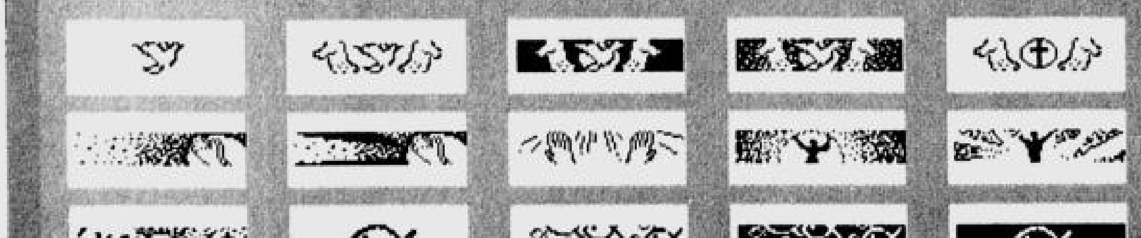
Now you're ready to play our *Vatican Txter: Unscramble Trivia Game* and send *Text Blessings!*

Vatican Txter: Unscramble Trivia Game

1. Upon registration, send the keyword PLAY to 2980.
2. You will receive a trivia question along with instructions. Unscramble the word and send your answer.
3. Each text earns you a raffle entry to the weekly draws and grand draw.
4. Text charges: ₱2.00 for postpaid, ₱2.50 for prepaid.

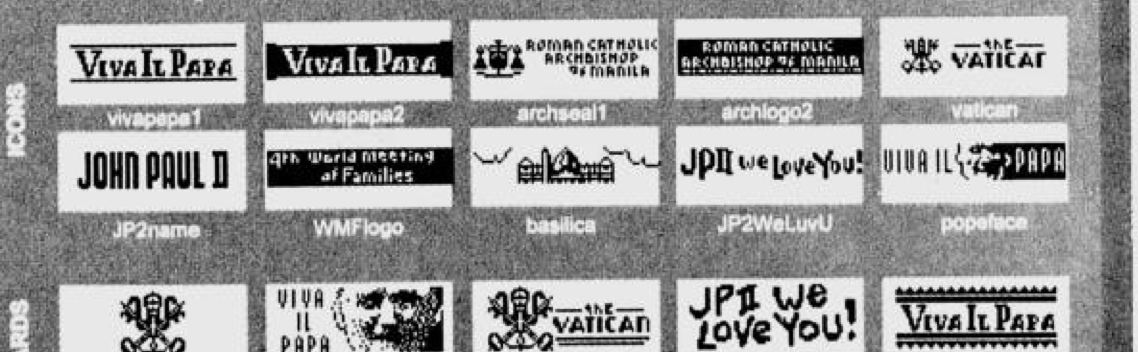
Text Blessings

1. Upon registration, send the keyword BLESS to 2379.
2. You will receive any of the special icon blessings pictured below.
3. Each download earns you a raffle entry to the weekly draws and grand draw.
4. Charge: ₱15.00 for both postpaid and prepaid accounts.



3 4th WMF Theme Song ringtone and icons

1. To download, send the following to 2375:
   For icons, type in L <space> keyword. Ex: L vivapapa1.
   For text cards, type in TC <space> keyword. Ex: TC vatican1.
   For ringtone, type in N <space> POPE and send to 2375.
2. Each download earns you a raffle entry to the weekly draws and grand draw.
3. Charge: ₱15.00 for both postpaid and prepaid accounts.
4. To forward to your friends, send the following to 2375:
   For icons, type in L <space> keyword <space> mobile number. Ex. L JP2name 09171234567
   For text cards, type in TC <space> keyword <space> mobile number. Ex. TC JP2WeLuvU 09171234567
   For ringtone, type in N <space> keyword <space> mobile number. Ex. N POPE 09171234567


ICONS
Viva Il Papa
vivapapa1
Viva Il Papa
vivapapa2
Roman Catholic Archbishop of Manila
archseal1
Roman Catholic Archbishop of Manila
archlogo2
The Vatican
vatican
JOHN PAUL II
JP2name
4th World Meeting of Families
WMFlogo
basilica
JPII we Love You!
JP2WeLuvU
VIVA IL PAPA
popeface
TEXT CARDS
vatican1
VIVA IL PAPA
popeface
The Vatican
vatican2
JPII we Love You!
JP2WeLuvU
Viva Il Papa
vivapapa
archseal1
Roman Catholic Archbishop of Manila
archseal2
4th World Meeting of Families
WMFlogo
JOHN PAUL II
JP2name
basilica

ICONS SERVICE WORKS WITH THE FOLLOWING MODELS:
Nokia: 5110 (version 4.59 & up), 3210, 3310, 5210, 6110, 6130, 6150, 6210, 6250, 6510, 7110, 8210, 8250, 8310, 8810, 8850, 8890, 9110 & 9210
Sendo: J520 (using Nokia keywords)

TEXT CARDS SERVICE WORKS WITH THE FOLLOWING MODELS:
Nokia: 3210, 3310, 5210, 6210, 6510, 8210, 8250, 8310, 8850 & 8890
Enhanced screen saver: Nokia 3310 & 3330

RING TONES SERVICE WORKS WITH THE FOLLOWING MODELS:
Nokia: 3210, 3310, 3330, 5210, 6110, 6130, 6150, 6210, 6250, 6510, 7110, 8210, 8250, 8310, 8810, 8850, 8890, 9110 & 9210
Sendo: S200, J520 P200 (using Nokia keywords)

touch mobile

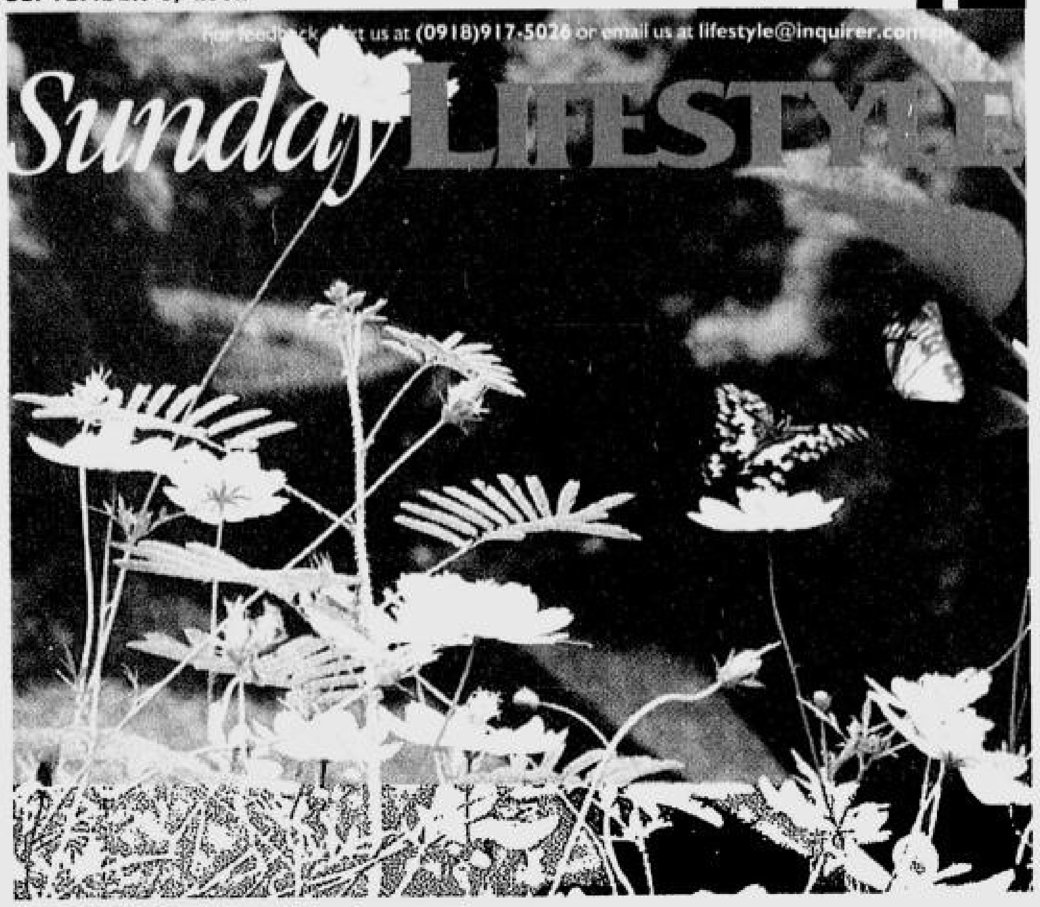
*Registered entries qualify for the weekly draws and the grand draw. Weekly winners receive either a Globe Handyphone Nokia 3330 or a Touch Mobile Siemens A36 phone kit. Grand prize winner gets a tax-free trip for a family of 4 to the Vatican for 5 days and 4 nights.

For inquiries and comments, you may reach the Globe Handyphone Hotline number at 730-1000 or 211 from your Globe Handyphone (toll-free), or the Touch Mobile Hotline number at 730-1500 or 818 and 808 from your Touch Mobile phone (toll-free). You may also e-mail custhelp@globetel.com.ph or visit any Globe Business Center or HUB nearest you.

making great things possible
Globe

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

For feedback, text us at (0918)917-5026 or email us at lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph
Sunday LIFESTYLE



BUTTERFLIES of beautiful colors wander freely around the farm.

"Smile... the great white way"

Perfect Smile®
DENTAL LASER WHITENING SALON

Paradigm GLORIETTA 2 LEVEL 3 Makati City
Tel.nos.:(632) 8929398/8929941
Email: info@oneperfectsmile.com Website: www.oneperfectsmile.com

This procedure is approved by United States Food and Drug Administration FDA

"Juggling my schedules between PILATES classes, my hosting chores and event management group, I cannot afford a less than perfect smile to cloud my day."

PLINKY RECTO
Certified Fitness Analyst in PILATES, Scholar of Dance, host, model and Perfect Smile® Client

PERFECT SMILE® DENTAL LASER WHITENING
LOW MONTHLY INSTALLMENT PLAN AVAILABLE MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED.

Raul Roco's happy place

Text by Alex C. Paita
Photos by Chito Vecina

WHEN Raul Roco is in his farm in upper Antipolo City, he has all the time to play with his grandchildren. He can sing and dance to his favorite '70s (or '60s) tunes. He leaves his worries kilometers behind—in the bustling, muddled metropolis. One need not wonder why the controversial former senator and education secretary calls the 2-ha spread Maogmang Lugar.

Maogma is Bicolano for *masaya,* so the name translates to "happy place."

Located at the heart of Antipolo, in Golden Hills Subdivision, Barangay San Roque, Maogmang Lugar is about an hour's drive from Quezon City. For Roco, his wife Sonia and the rest of the family, it is a place where they can escape from the pollution of Metro Manila anytime they want and enjoy the bounties that Mother Nature can offer. Lucky are their friends who get invited to share the place occasionally.

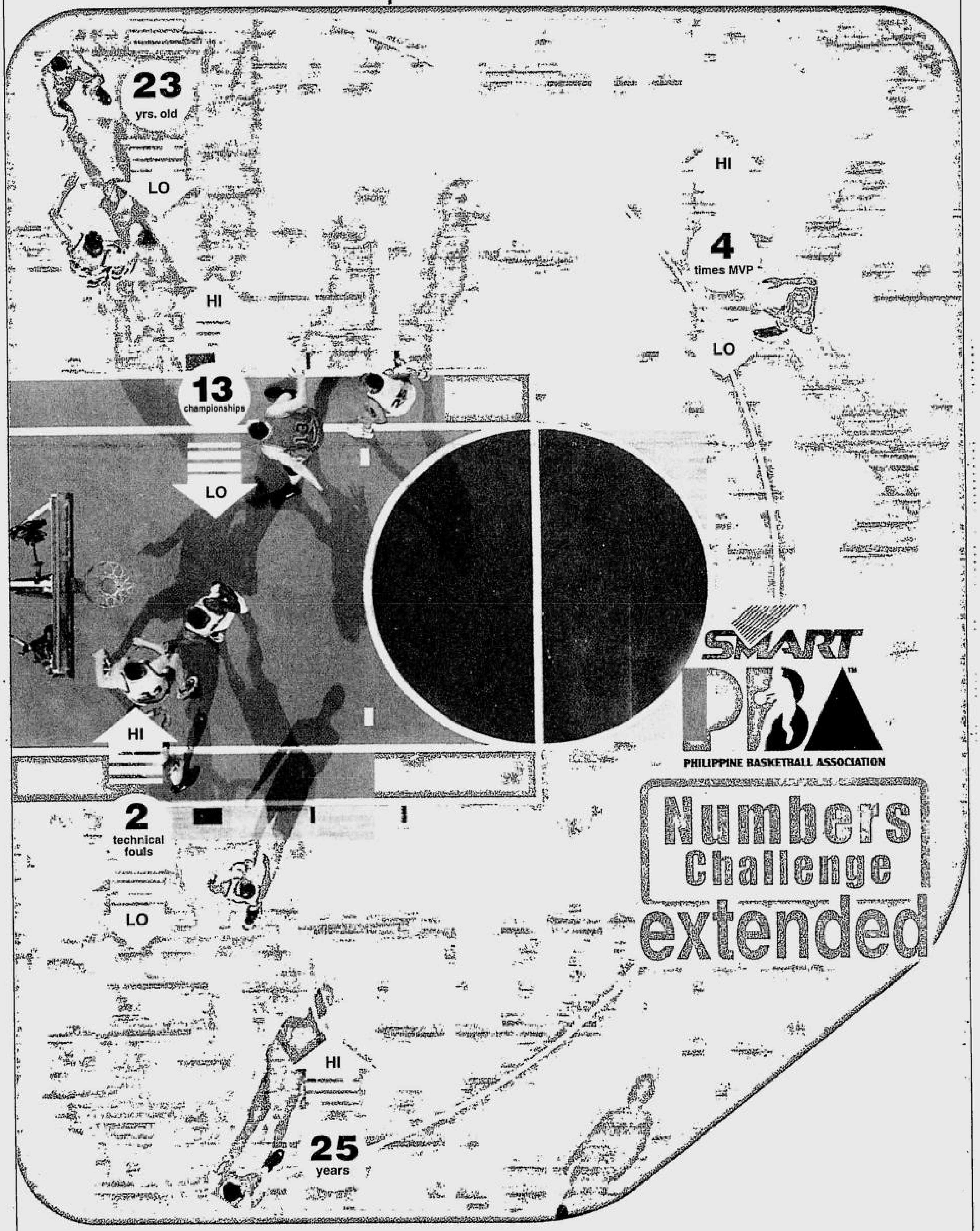
"I bought this land in 1981," the 61-year-old Roco says, "after seeing an ad for a rush sale posted by a foreigner. It so happened that I had money then, so I was able to buy it cheap."

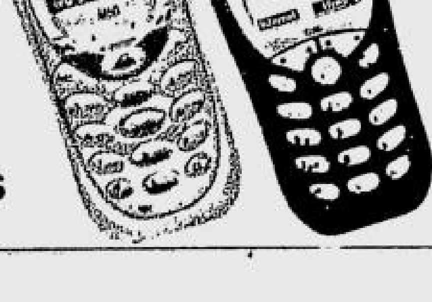
The property was originally part of the Elizalde estate that was parceled off and sold to employees of the Elizalde companies. "This used to be a forested area. While we were clearing out the tall grasses, we found lots of snakes and *bayawaks*!" Roco adds.

RAUL/ p.F2

ROCO shows a praying mantis to grandchildren Sam and Reece.

PILI grows in the farm, too.





Simply win by numbers

Get into overtime trivia play and you could win ₱10,000 cash or a Siemens phonekit daily! Play the numerical PBA trivia game that gives you a clue whether your answer should be higher or lower until you hit the right answer! Hurry, the SMART PBA Number Challenge plays until Sept. 12, 2002 only!

To...	Key in...
Register	JOIN Q <full name> /<complete address>
Download the daily question	Q
To send an answer	Q <answer>
Check number of entries earned	ENTRIES
Get help on the service	HELP

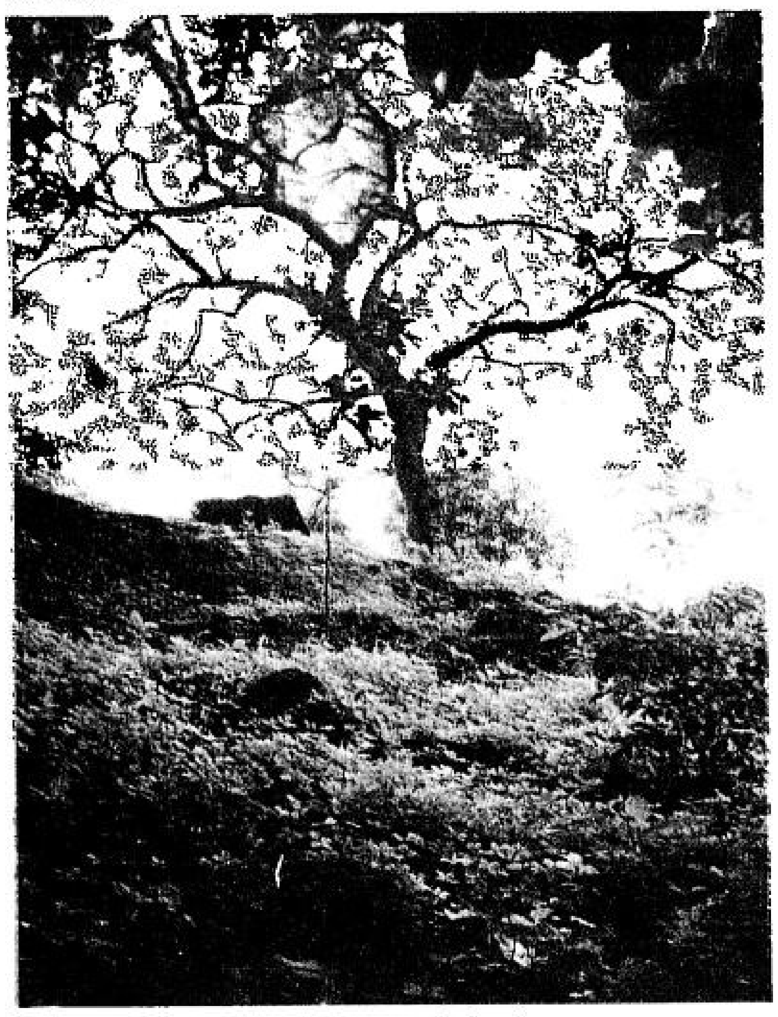
Send all commands to 290. All messages sent will be charged P2.50.

For questions, comments, or concerns, you may call the SMART Hotline at 888-1111, send a text message to 888 (P1.00 per message sent in excess of the FREE TEXT allocation), e-mail us at customercare@smart.com.ph or visit the SMART Wireless Center nearest you.

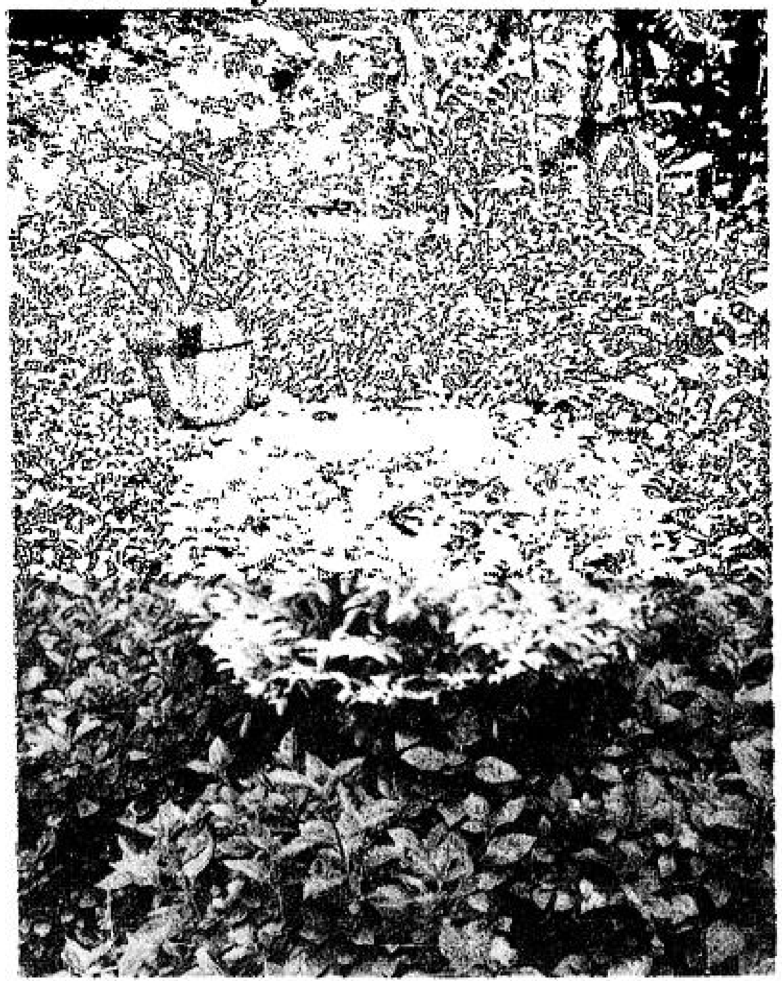
PBA IMG SIEMENS

SMART
Simply Amazing!

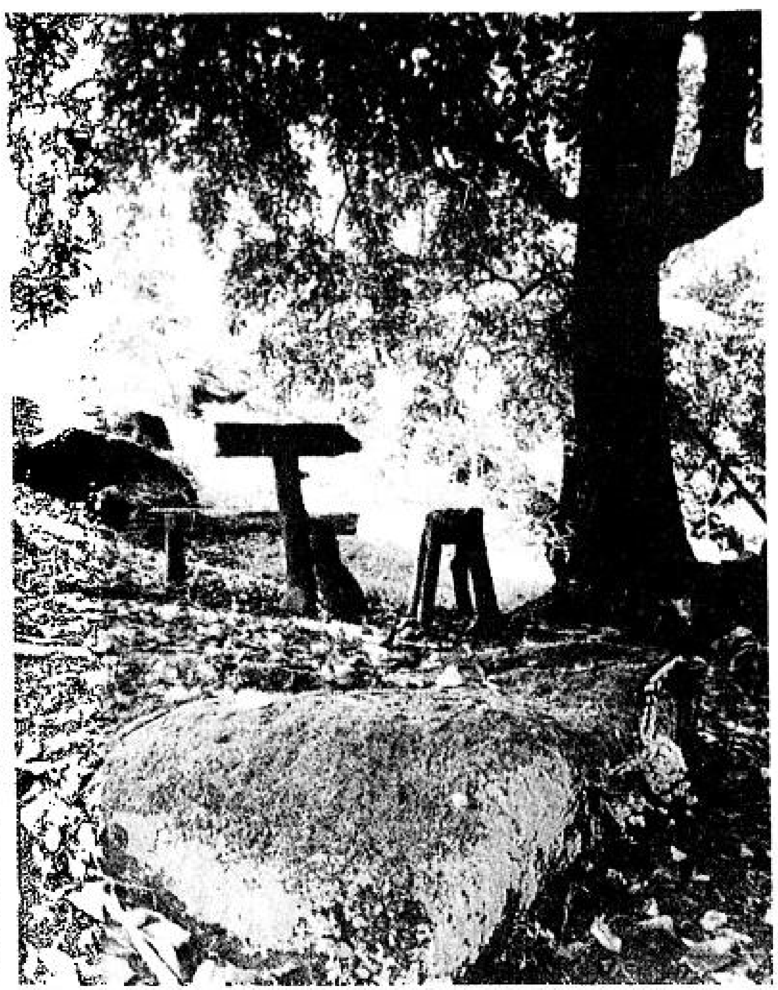
₱ 10,000 cash and Siemens M50 or C45 will be given away daily!



A TREE stands majestic at the top of a knoll.



THE RED and green plants give this section of the farm a Christmas-y look.

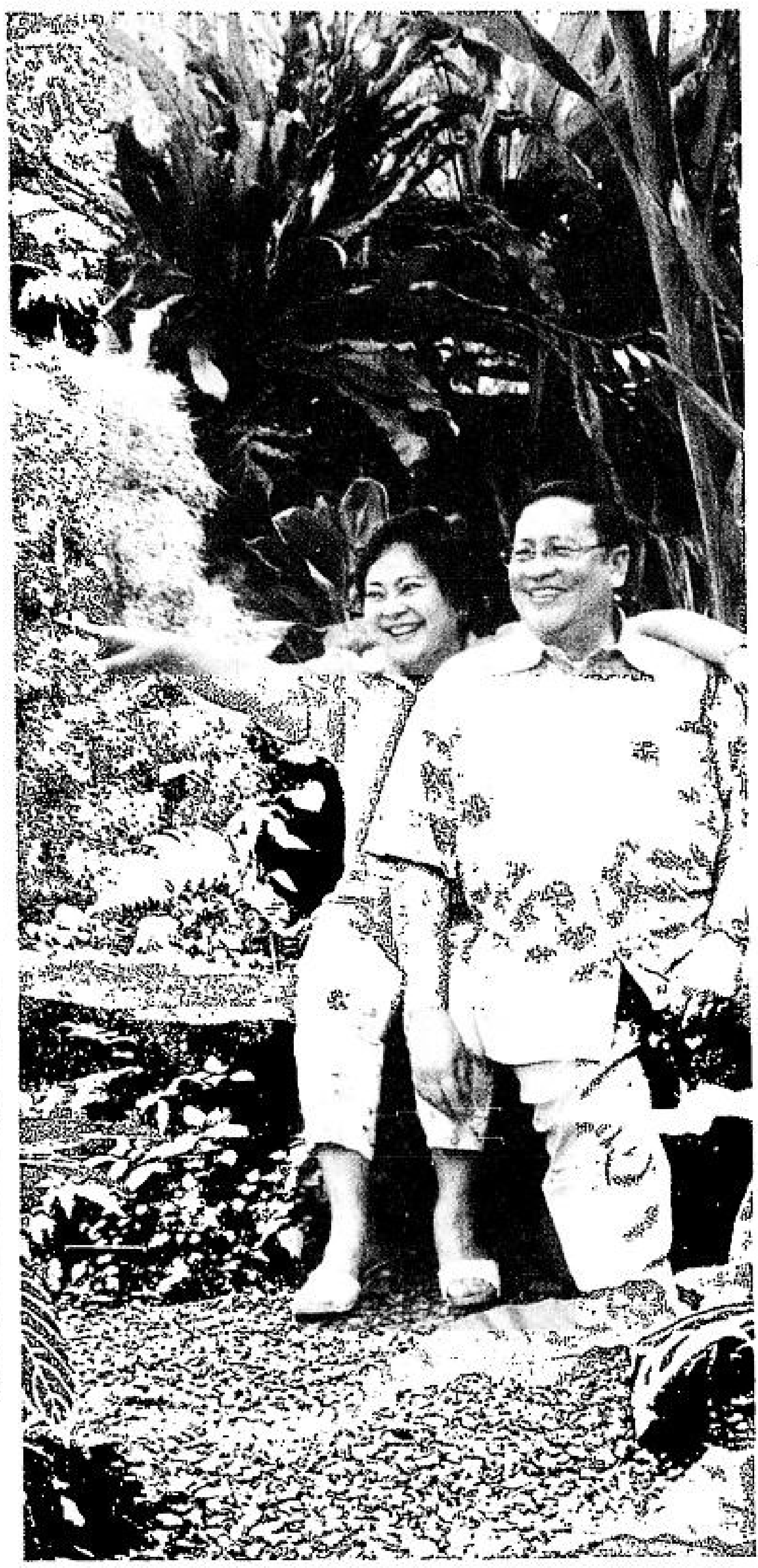


THE SHADE from the tree makes these benches perfect for "private conferences."

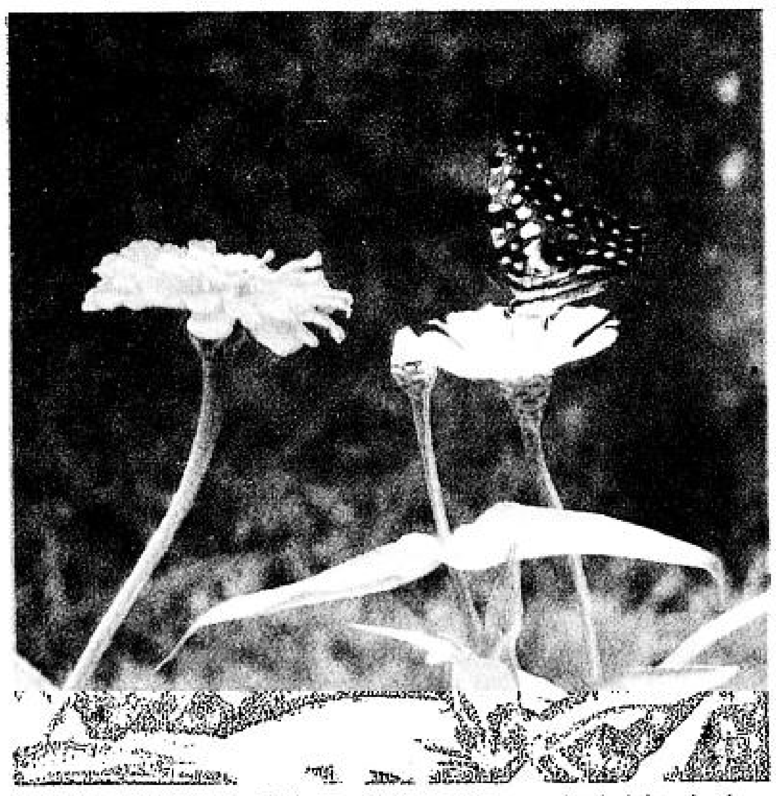
Raul Roco's happy place

His farm in Antipolo probably has the country's most extensive 'gumamela' collection

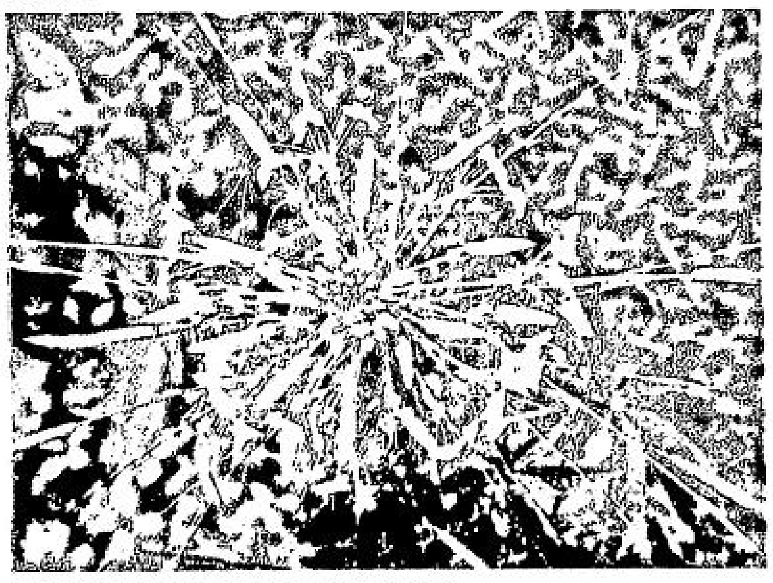
THE "LORD of the Rings rocks," as Roco calls them, are a natunal formation.



ROCO and wife Sonia can escape from the pollution of Metro Manila anytime they want and share intimate moments in the farm.



A COLORFUL butterfly is a match anytime to the bright zinnia flowers.



A STAR-LIKE bloom is a show-stopper.

PONDS inhabited by ducks complete the rustic look.

GUMAMELAS in varied brilliant colors are everywhere in the farm.

Now, Maogmang Lugar has fruit trees, vegetables, herbs and flowering plants, as well as free-range chickens, *tilapias*, ducks, butterflies and, well, the birds and the bees.

Gumamela collection

Scattered around the farm are *sili* (what Bicolano would be without a plant nearby?), tomato, eggplants, banana and okra.

Trees include some "migrants" from other places like Mindanao's mangosteen (60 of them) and durian (80 of them); guapple, which is grown mainly in Visayas and Mindanao; *rambutan*, which grows in Mindanao and Laguna; as well as mango, *siniguelas*, *aratiles*, *dayap*, kapok, *duhat*, *guyabano*, coconut, mulberry and *sampaloc*. The farm does not have *kasuy*, which Antipolo is known for, but it does boast of having *pili*. Although the choice of *pili* is not surprising for a Bicolano, what is unusual is that Roco managed to grow it as the tree does not seem to do well outside its native Bicol (although there's a *pili*-lined avenue at the University of the Philippines Los Baños). Roco explains in jest how *pili* is able to prosper in Antipolo: "I talked to them in Bicol, so the *pili* trees thought they were in Bicol."

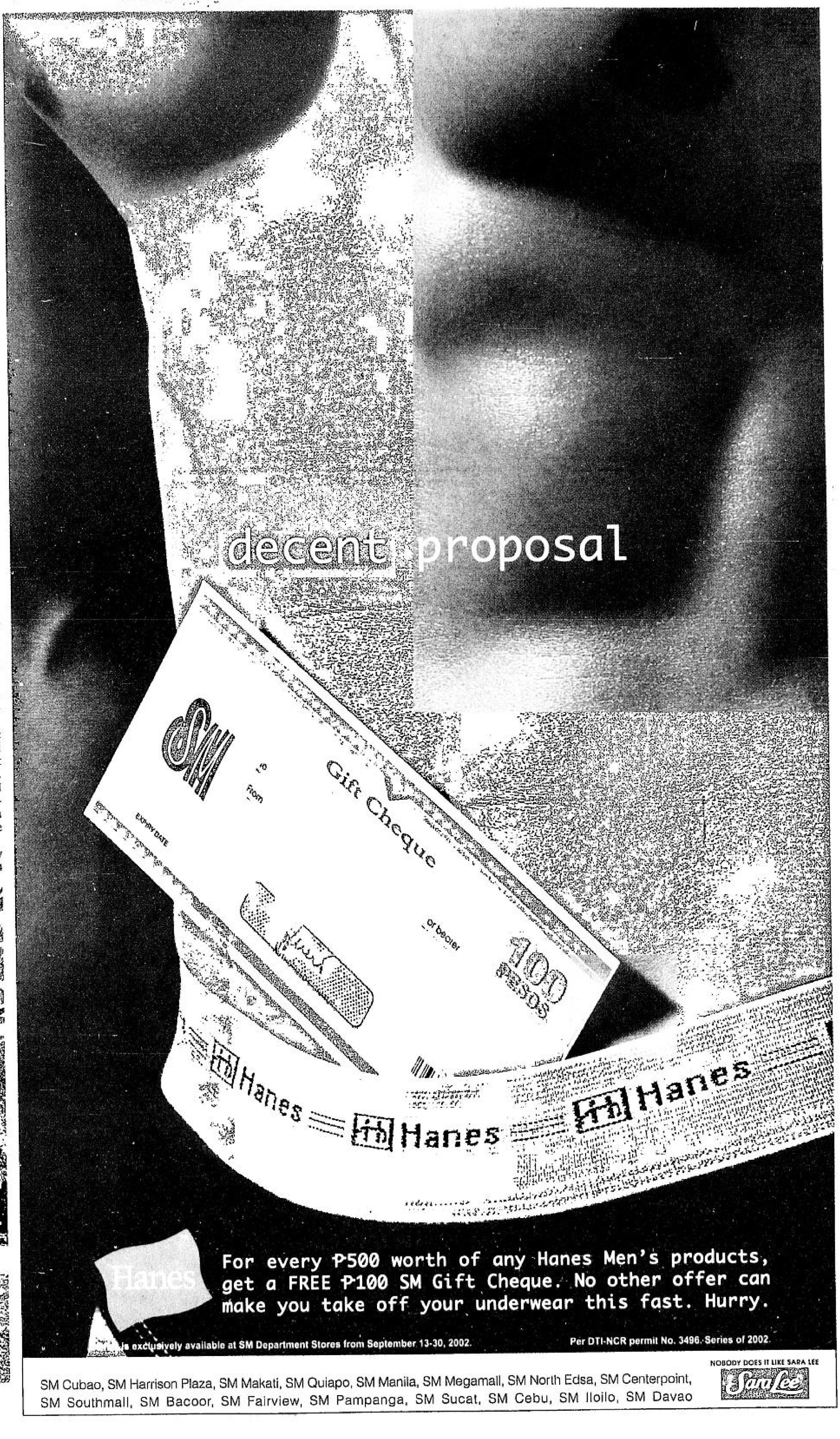
Many of the trees bear the names of the people who planted them during "tree-planting" visits to the farm.

Roco, the son of a farmer and a public school teacher and famous for wearing floral or "Hawaiian" shirts, claims he has the most number of *gumamela* plants in the country. The collection started from gifts, and then "I decided to be the biggest collector of *gumamelas*," Roco says. The plants, with flowers in varied brilliant colors, are everywhere in the farm.

Powder puff and eucalyptus trees also grow

RAUL/ p.F4

THE ROCOS hold hands as they survey their green planet.



For every ₱500 worth of any Hanes Men's products, get a FREE ₱100 SM Gift Cheque. No other offer can make you take off your underwear this fast. Hurry.

is exclusively available at SM Department Stores from September 13-30, 2002.

Per DTI-NCR permit No. 3496. Series of 2002.

SM Cubao, SM Harrison Plaza, SM Makati, SM Quiapo, SM Manila, SM Megamall, SM North Edsa, SM Centerpoint, SM Southmall, SM Bacoor, SM Fairview, SM Pampanga, SM Sucat, SM Cebu, SM Iloilo, SM Davao

NOBODY DOES IT LIKE SARA LEE
Sara Lee

THIS very healthy evergreen is one of the "imports" at the Roco farm.

A HAPPY FAMILY. Raul and Sonia with (standing, from left) sons Ronjun and Ruarri, granddaughter Nica, daughter Nina with husband Genelky; (seated) grandchildren Reece, Sam and Shania, and daughter Nara

Raul Roco's happy place

From page F3

abundantly in Maogmang Lugar. Eucalyptus trees, from which menthol products are made, drive away mosquitoes, so the farm is relatively free of the pesky and disease-carrying insects.

Most of the area has been landscaped, but some portions are left untouched. Giant boulders that seem to form a secret gateway to a cave have been left where they are. Roco calls them the "rocks where the Lord of the Rings lives," an allusion to the hobbits' tales.

Ducks share the ponds with baby *tilapias* that were later served to us in a hearty meal, which also included freshly picked fruits and vegetables, and chicken.

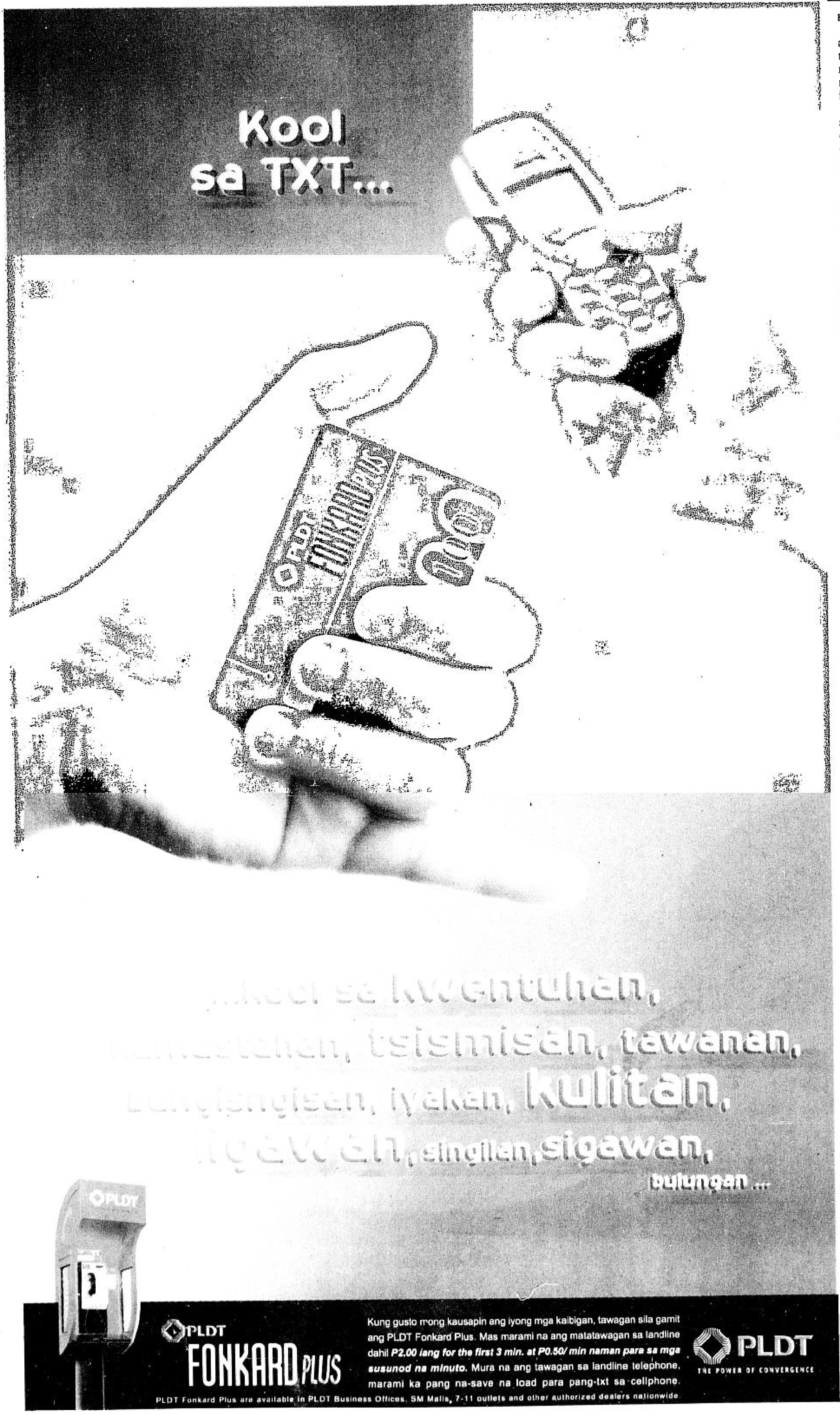
Refuge

He may have quit his post in the Arroyo cabinet and claims he is now "a private citizen," but Roco's life has not become one long holiday. In fact, he has had little time to chill and relax. "I have appointments almost every day of the week. I'm invited as a guest speaker in different occasions," he says.

Maogmang Lugar has become quite valuable to Roco, serving as a refuge for a busy man especially on weekends.

LUSH vegetation makes this one of the coolest and most pleasant sections of the farm.

VEGETABLE plots are covered in plastic to protect young plants.



Kung gusto mong kausapin ang iyong mga kaibigan, tawagan sila gamit ang PLDT Fonkard Plus. Mas marami na ang matatawagan sa landline dahil ***P2.00 lang for the first 3 min. at P0.50/ min naman para sa mga susunod na minuto.*** Mura na ang tawagan sa landline telephone, marami ka pang na-save na load para pang-txt sa cellphone.

PLDT Fonkard Plus are available in PLDT Business Offices, SM Malls, 7-11 outlets and other authorized dealers nationwide.

For feedback, text us at (0918)917-5026 or email us at lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph

Sunday LIFESTYLE

LEISURE FARMS
A SECOND HOME FOR THE WEEKEND FARMER
Call 807-8496
See more in the Sunday Inquirer Magazine (pages 3, 4 and 5)

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

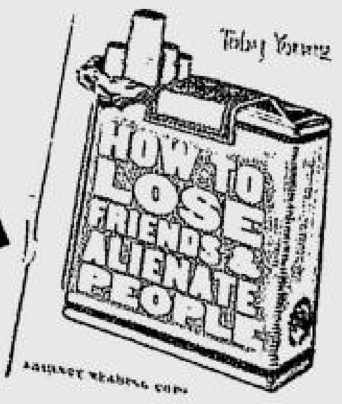
Who is Toby Young and why is he saying all those terrible things about NY celebrities?

He is proof that it pays to be a media whistle-blower; his irreverent and hilarious chronicle of his Vanity Fair career is a bestseller

By Kitty Go
Contributor

THERE is a saying, doctors bury their mistakes, lawyers hang theirs and journalists put theirs on the front page. In the case of Toby Young, he has turned five years of misdemeanors and misadventures at Vanity Fair magazine in New York into an international bestseller.

WHO/ p.G2



BEST-SELLING ways to lose (top): The UK edition on the left and the American edition on the right. (Right) Toby Young at his desk

TWINS CULINARY KITCHEN LEARN COOKING & BAKING

Sept. 13, 26 or Oct. 2 1:30 - 5:30pm P850.00
A TASTE OF JAPAN & KOREA; Sukiyaki, Japanese Fried Rice, Chap Chae Noodles, Bulgogi, Beef Stew, Bean Sprout Salad, Breaded Tofu
Bonus Miso Soup

Sept. 14, 19 or Oct. 5 1:30 - 5:30pm P800.00
NO-BAKE EASY DESSERTS 1; Tiramisu, Chocolate Mousse Cake, Coffee Cream Pie, Mango Nut Bars, Banana Split Crepes, Chocolate Fondue
Bonus Blueberry Cheesecake

Sept. 21, 27 or Oct 3 1:30 - 5:30pm P850.00
MAKING HAM & X'MAS TREATS; Cured Ham & Bacon, Chicken Liver Pate, Creme Brulee, No-Bake Alaska Cake, Chocolate Wine Balls
Bonus Fruitcake

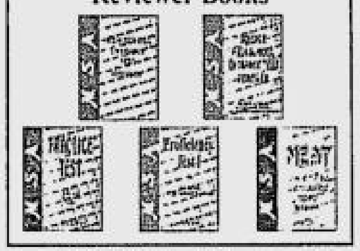
Sept. 20, 25 or Oct. 9 1:30 - 5:30pm P800.00
BAKING 4 FUN OR PROFIT; Lemon Squares, Chocolate Walnut Brownies, Food 4 the Gods, Easy Frosted Chocolate Cake, Lemon Pound Cake, Chocolate Fruitcake, White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Cookies
Bonus Chocolate Chip Cookies, Snowball Cookies

Sept. 18, 28 or Oct. 4 1:30 - 5:30pm P850.00
DELICIOUS PARTY DISHES; Beef in Mushroom Sauce, Roasted Chicken w/ Gravy, Smoked Fish Eggroll (lumpia), Salad Buffet w/ 3 Diff Dressings, Baked Cheezy Ziti, Easy Cocoa Brownies Bonus Pastel de Lengua

Fee includes recipes, ingredients, take home & more. Reservations & inquiries Tel. 687-10-76 (9:30am-5:30pm) Cell: 0916-448-5268.
Venue: 6 Spinach St., Valle Verde 5, Pasig City

MSA Reviewer Books available at National Book Store
Challenging and Almost Real!

MSA Quick Math Review	Qualifying Test Preparation for Phil. Science H.S. 1 and 2	MSA Mental Math	Comprehensive High School Entrance Tests Reviewer Books
P125 /copy	P268 /copy	P168 /copy	P630 /set of 5 books



High School Entrance Tests Review
MSA ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT INSTITUTE
315 Katipunan Avenue, Loyola Heights, Quezon City
Saturdays or Sundays 8:00 - 12:00 or 1:00-5:00
Tel : 925-7544 925-7216 929-9145 929-9159
Quezon City 435-6062 435-6063
Antipolo 646-8245
Cainta 646-8243
Alabang 850-6550 850-6551

TALK 'N TEXT

Walang Ka;SIM Sulit!
₱170.00
Suggested retail price

☑ Only ₱6.50 Per Minute on cell-to-cell and local calls!
All Day, All Night Permanent Airtime Rate!

☑ FREE TEXT everytime you load a Talk 'N Text Prepaid Card
Plus, the more cards you load, the more free text you get!

☑ Nationwide pa ang coverage!

☑ Get the power of Talk 'N Text with zed plus 32K SIM!
Lets you personalize your celfone with the services na trip mo!

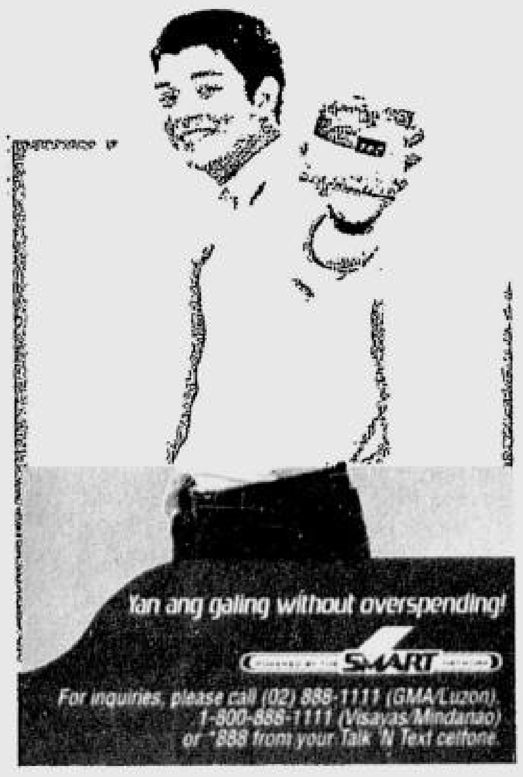
☑ 200-entry phonebook memory

☑ Ang baba ng download rates!
Ang ringtone, logo, icon at picture downloads, ₱15.00 lang. Kaya ang laki ng savings!

☑ Siksik sa Value-Added Services!
Over a hundred text-based services to choose from!

☑ 40 cents* per minute IDD. All day! All night! All countries!
*in US dollars

Kaya ba ng iba ito? Mag Talk 'N Text ka na!



Yan ang galing without overspending!
SMART
For inquiries, please call (02) 888-1111 (GMA/Luzon), 1-800-888-1111 (Visayas/Mindanao) or *888 from your Talk 'N Text celfone.

NEW
Century TUNA
Omega 3
Afritada
Less P2.00 Per Can!

Here's To
More Taste,
More Health,
More Savings!*

Century TUNA
20 years

Thank you for making Century Tuna the number 1 tuna brand for the past 20 years! To celebrate all those years of good taste and good health, we made Century Tuna more affordable! Now, enjoy the great tasting flavours of Century Tuna Adobo, Afritada, Caldereta, Bicol Express, Mechado and Lechon Paksiw for less! Get more of the healthy benefits: Omega 3 for the heart, Low-Fat Protein for muscle-building, and DHA for babies' brain development...and none of the preservatives, food color and high cholesterol common in other canned meats.

*Flakes in Oil and Hot & Spicy not included

NEW Century TUNA
the Supermeat

Who is Toby Young and why is he saying all those terrible things about NY celebrities?

From page G1

His irreverent "How to Lose Friends and Alienate People" is currently at No. 2 and No. 22 on the New York Post and The New York Times bestseller lists, respectively, and on its third printing in the US. The book gives hope to anybody who feels he has failed or wasted his time in the pursuit of glamour and celebrities.

While it frankly (and hilariously) chronicles the demise of Young's career at Vanity Fair, "How to Lose..." joins the trend of media whistle-blowers such as "Blinded By the Right: The Conscience of an Ex-Conservative," by David Brock and the soon-to-be-released "The Devil Wears Prada" by Lauren Weisberger, a novel loosely based on life working under Vogue's Anna Wintour.

The book not only exposes but ridicules American media's fascination with celebrities and what the industry does to bring celebrity stories to the public.

It may have started as an exposé but now that it has hit the bestseller lists in America and the UK, it has become a vindication for A-list party wannabes and star-struck social outcasts. When asked whether he felt vindicated, the self-mocking author contends, "However well the book does, I never really feel completely satisfied. I'm a glass-half-empty kind of guy."

Young has been fired not only from Vanity Fair but also from major British publications such as The Guardian, The Times and The Independent. Clearly, in the process of getting fired, this guy has done what David Brown said people should do about their careers, "Start planning your second career while you're on your first one."

First time

I first met Young last spring over lunch at The Bush Bar and Grill (co-owned by ex-Pinoy resident Charlie McVeigh) and was very disappointed to find someone extremely polite and who didn't talk very much. He showed no sign of the socially obnoxious clown he made himself come out to be in the book. (My friends who already had gone to see a play with him told me, "He's not like the character in the book.")

I saw Young again over the summer at his home in Shepherd's Bush. After having me buy a jug of milk for him down the street (he was on deadline and as a writer I understood), the Harvard- and Oxford-educated author told me that he went to New York really hoping to meet literary celebrities but he found them to be extremely boring. "I was hoping that they would turn out to be like members of the Algonquin Roundtable—witty, hard drinking, hard-partying people. But in fact, they weren't a bit like that. They were these hard-working careerists. You can tell I never found them. Maybe they were hiding from me," he said with some disappointment.

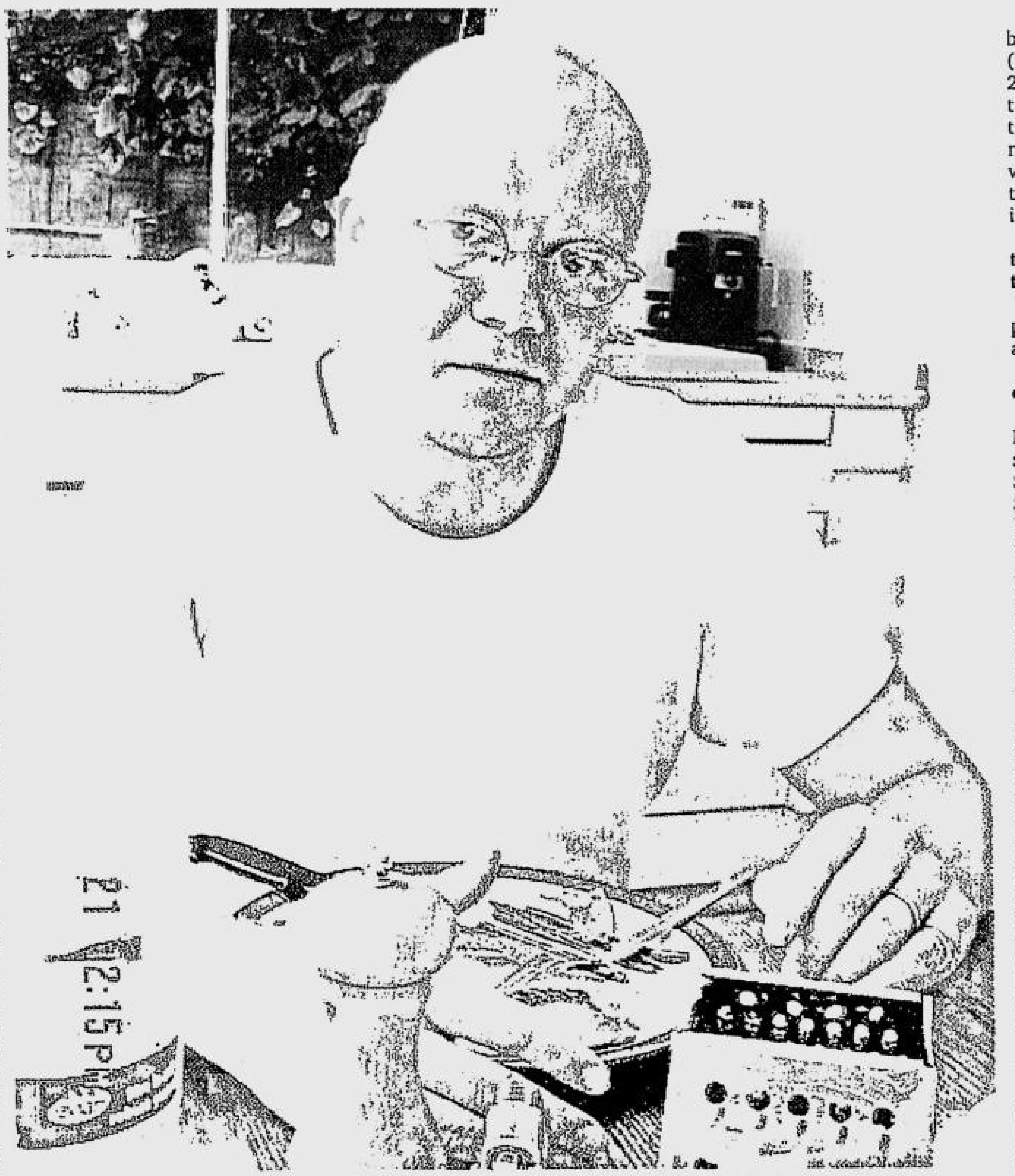
T for 'trouble'

After making lunch and between chomps of salad and steak, Young spoke to the INQUIRER about New York manners, being star-struck and his return to New York.

Toby: I've become interested in things other than Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Are you saying that because you've had a bad time in New York?

I think it's a function of age.



LUNCH at home in London on a protein diet trying to lose the George Constanza look

'People seem not to be impressed by celebrities because they think only low-status people are star-struck'

Did you know "How to Lose Friends and Alienate People" was going to be very successful?

No, but I was hoping it would be. I think when you write a book you kind of hope for the best and prepare for the worst. My great fear was that it would sink without a trace, let alone be reviewed.

But you did get lots of reviews—New York Times, Wall Street Journal... It got on lots of American fashion magazines' recommended summer reading lists, ads in the New Yorker... Why did you hate the New York Times review?

The Janet Maslin one? That was a slam... It was probably the worst one she ever wrote. She was very rude about it.

Well, what if Michiko Kakutani did it? It could have been worse. (Kakutani is the much-feared lead book critic of the New York Times)

Well, Janet Maslin is supposed to be the good cop to Kakutani's bad cop. I was beaten up by Colombo. Kakutani would have been better.

Are you still star-struck? You said that Arnold is not so important anymore...

Mind you, if he walked into the room, I'd still be astonished. The reason people seem not to be impressed by celebrities is because they think, in essence, only low status people are star-struck and the indication of your place on the food chain is how star-struck you are. So, for instance, some journalists would be completely unimpressed with meeting celebrities in the flesh because to acknowledge they were impressed would make them look vulgar and unsophisticated like normal people. But in fact, they're completely star-struck.

How did you become star-struck if you were brought up in a very academic household? Your mom and dad were writers. Plus your dad even coined the word "meritocracy" and wrote a book on it.

That's right. My mother was a novelist; both my parents published poetry. My father (Michael Young, Lord of Dartington) wrote 2,000 books and set up a number of institutions. But I think it's impossible to grow up in the west without being aware of celebrities. In my case, I would exaggerate how impressed I was of them as a way of ridiculing the pretense that my friends made that they weren't impressed by them.

So what did Graydon Carter (VF's editor in chief and Toby's ex-boss) say about the book?

He adopted this insouciant pose where he pretended that he wasn't at all bothered by it and thought it was kind of funny.

The last time we saw each other, we concluded that was a good move.

But he wasn't able to maintain that pose. He now hates me and hates the book. For instance, at my launch party in this venue called Serena's in New York, the owner of the venue, Serena Bass, came up to me on the day of the launch party and said that Graydon called her the previous day and harangued her for 45 minutes, trying to persuade her to pull the plug on the party. And if anyone mentions my name in his presence, he explodes in a sputtering rage and a stream of expletives comes out his mouth and it takes him half an hour to calm down.

There were several Graydon stooges at the party and there was a saboteur. There was someone systematically going around turning off the air-conditioners. It was a very hot evening in the middle of July and it got really hot. And I'm sure the long arm of Graydon extended into the party turning off the air-conditioners. (Thomas Crampton of the International Herald Tribune reported in the Aug. 29 issue that Serena Bass acknowledged the phone call from Graydon expressing disappointment but said "the air-conditioning failure was possibly caused by one of the several Playboy Bunnies in attendance accidentally bumping a switch from cool to fan.")

Is it true you must be British to work at Vanity Fair?

I wasn't the right kind of English from Graydon's point of view. He once told me, "Toby, you're like an Englishman born in New Jersey." I think when Americans think of Englishmen, they think of floppy-haired Hugh Grant types in tennis whites; while I was this short, balding, aggressive and pushier-than-your-average Brit. That's why everyone told me that I would fit right in New York because it was full of aggressive and pushy people like me.

But actually, I didn't find it like that at all. On the whole I found people to be much more polite, well-mannered and stuffier than in London and I stood out in New York more than in London. Well, polite might not be the word. More buttoned-up, more formal, much more rule-bound. They are sticklers for etiquette while the British aren't. I expected it to be a more loose-limbed, informal place. (This from someone who was given an etiquette book to read by Aimee Bell, a VF editor.)

Would you ever go back to New York?

If I were offered the editorship of Vanity Fair, then I'd probably take it, but after this book, it's highly unlikely I'd be offered a job by any New York magazine editor. From most people's point of view, it's going to be, "I'm not going to hire this guy because if things don't work out, he's going to write a book about it."

Boracay lifestyle photo tilt winners named

"SUNSET" by Dr. Erwin Lim, third place

FIVE outstanding photographs chosen from over a thousand entries were declared winners of the Boracay Lifestyle Photo Contest, organized by the Sun Village Boracay Resorts. The competition drew entries from all parts of the country—submitted by veteran photographers, hobbyists and even housewives who have captured their Boracay experience on film.

First place went to "Only in Boracay" by George Tapan, a professional photographer from Makati City. Grade school teacher Nestor Santiago's "Blue Sail" placed second while "Sunset," an entry from Cebuano dentist Erwin Lim, was third. Fourth place went to "Jump for Joy" by freelance photographer Arnold Jumpay of Parañaque City. "Paintings" by Robert Booc of Iligan City took fifth.

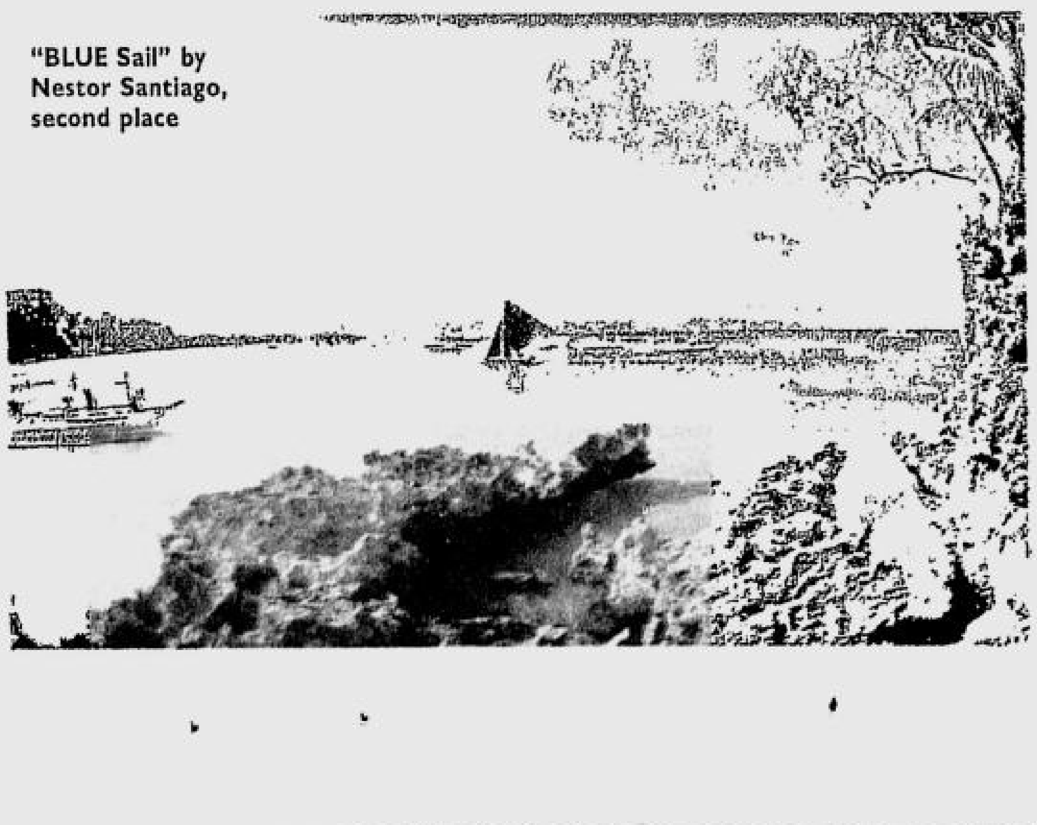
The panel of judges was comprised of Aklan Rep. Billie Calizo, El Television Philippines' Lito Cruz, Boracay Task Force's Art Alejandrino, society photographer Alex Van Hagen, photojournalist Lester Ledesma, editor Francine Medina and South East Airlines marketing director Glenn Lamela.

All the winning photographs captured the essence and beauty of Boracay Island, known globally as the world's best tropical beach. The entries depicted various facets of Boracay life—from the stunning white beaches with its powdery sands, famous sunsets, world-class resorts, friendly locals and exciting nightlife.

The winners received cash prizes and trips to Boracay with accommodation at the Sun Village Beachfront, inclusive of round-trip airfares and land transfers, courtesy of the Sun Village Boracay Resorts.

Apart from these prizes, the winning entries as well as selected outstanding entries will be used in the publication of the coffee-table book, "The Boracay Lifestyle," with appropriate credits. The photos will also be included in an upcoming mall tour to further boost tourism in Boracay and give people a glimpse of the island paradise.

The Boracay Lifestyle Photo Contest was sponsored by Seair. Call 813-1338/7524/9355, or the Boracay office at (036) 288-5541; fax to 812-4797 or e-mail at fpni@pacific.net.ph or fuentes@pacific.net.ph.



"BLUE Sail" by Nestor Santiago, second place

"ONLY in Boracay" by George Tapan, first place

US-based motivational group holds Manila seminar

THE UNITED States-based Landmark Education Forum, a motivational and personality development group, holds a seminar on Sept. 13-15 at the RCBC Plaza in Makati. Seminar handler is Jerome Downes, one of Landmark Forum's senior directors.

The Landmark Forum has been in operation for over three decades in 100 cities worldwide. Some two million people have taken its various programs.

Major corporations that have undertaken Landmark seminars include Reebok, New Zealand Steel, Northern Indiana Power and Akebono Corp. of Japan.

Among international personalities who have joined the seminar are actor Leonardo DiCaprio, Oscar-winning composer Alan Menken, San Francisco Bishop Otis Charles and social scientist Dan Yankelovich. Landmark graduates in the Philippines include former senator Orly Mercado, former welfare secretary Corazon Alma de Leon, Inner Peace Foundation leader Regina Dee, Philex president Jerry Brimo, Assumption Sisters Josefina Magat and Gertrude Borres, and Adamson University vice-president Father Greg Bañaga.

Many of these graduates have experienced a positive transformation in their lives. A big number of their friends and relatives, including 45 Assumption Convent nuns, have signed up for the weekend seminar.

Call Evelyn Cu-unjieng (722-4573), Aljor Perreras (851-8500 or 0917-667-9774) or Chiqui Veneracion (0917-910-4388).

Our bottle is so advanced, it brings feeding to a whole new level.

We just developed an advanced feeding bottle. Now we need your little suckers to try it. Introducing the Evenflo Elite.

An ingenious innovation to complement the wonders of breastfeeding. While mothers can't always enjoy this special time with her child, pumping breast milk is the next best thing. So we created a bottle for a smooth transition, which can meet your child's needs.

Unlike other nipples, Evenflo Elite has a gentle sloping shape, allowing your child to latch on comfortably. What's more, the Evenflo Elite has a nipple that reacts to your child's suckling. Made from soft and flexible silicone, it adjusts to your child's pressure while feeding so it can give out just the right amount of liquid.

We even thought about your child's age. Our nipples are made with different flow capabilities. There's the "slow flow", the "medium flow" and the "fast flow". It's an innovation that gives the right flow based on your child's age and feeding needs. And what about the nipple cover? Its unique shape features an inner wall that creates a barrier to help keep the nipple clean at all times. Plus, our nipple cover comes with ventilation holes that circulates air evenly.

Cholic problems will likewise be a thing of the past. Directly under the nipple are Micro Air Vents which keep air from your child's tummy. These vents allow air to return to the bottle preventing nipple collapse and greatly reducing cholic pains. Not to mention sleepless hours.

And while other bottles are stuck with an upright design, Evenflo Elite's unusual form serves a significant purpose. Its pediatric angled bottle helps keep the nipple filled to reduce air intake and promotes semi-upright feeding. This lessens the chances of inner ear infection. Plus, its wide opening and ergonomic shape makes for easy handling and cleaning.

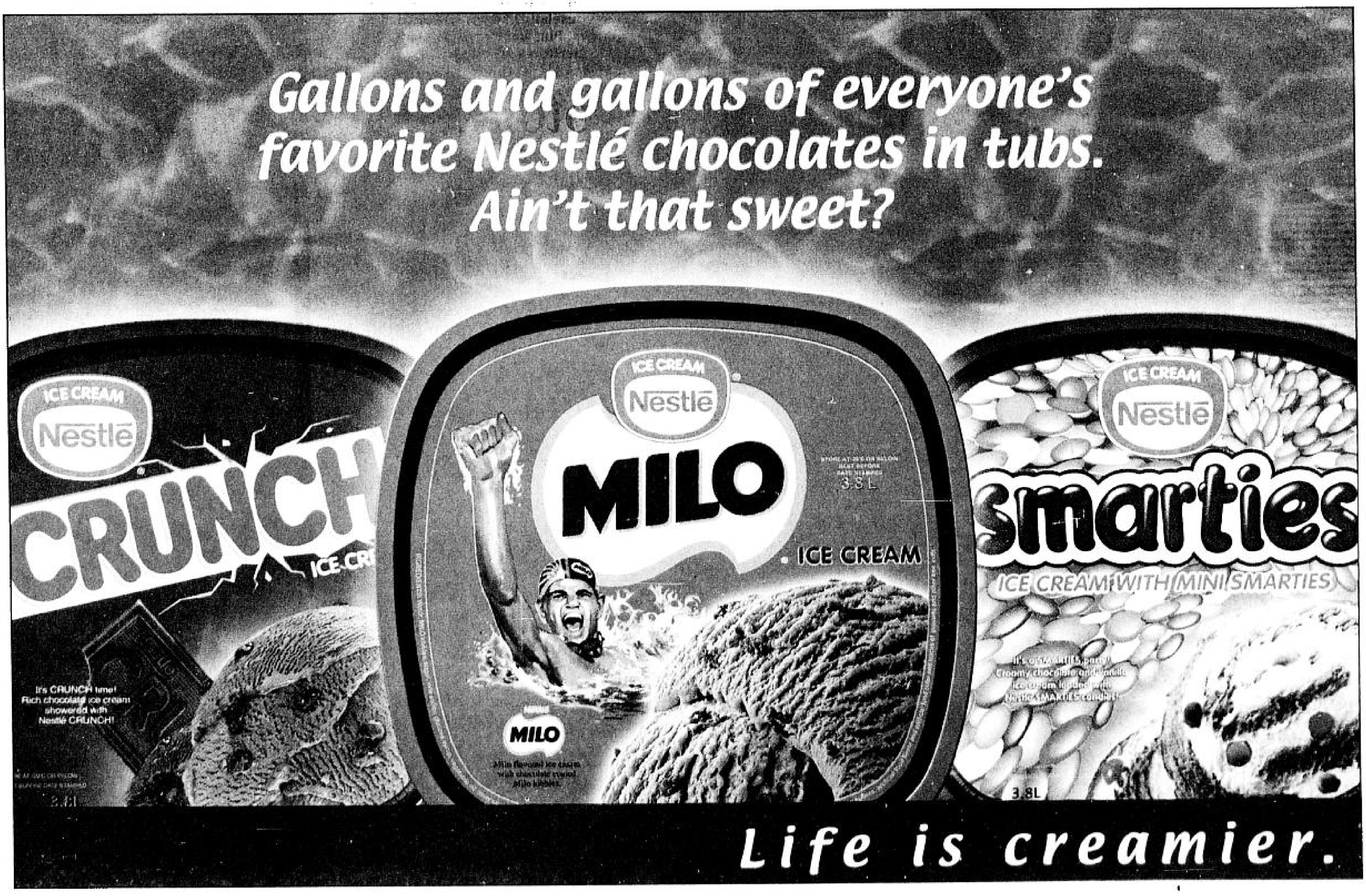
This obsession with detail and innovation drives us to bring feeding to a whole new level. Because, just like your child, we are also suckers for the best.

World's best baby care™
evenflo® elite® Designed by nature, Built by Evenflo
www.evenflo.com

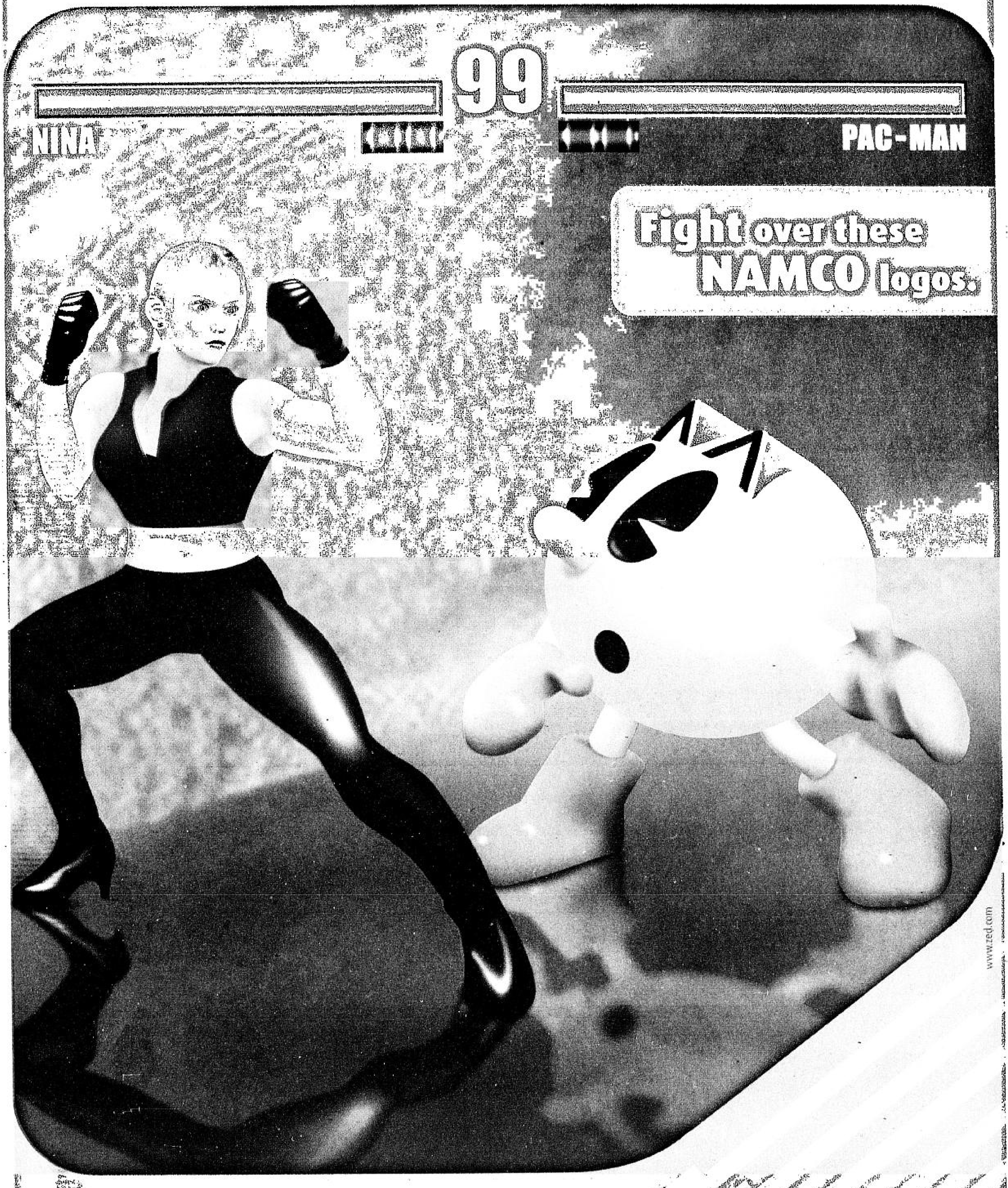
Breastmilk is the best for babies up to 2 years.

The use of milk supplements must be upon advice of a health worker.

The improper use of breastmilk substitutes/feeding bottles and teats may be dangerous to your child's health.


Gallons and gallons of everyone's favorite Nestlé chocolates in tubs. Ain't that sweet?
ICE CREAM Nestlé
CRUNCH
ICE CR
It's CRUNCH time! Rich chocolate ice cream showered with Nestlé CRUNCH!
ICE CREAM Nestlé
MILO
ICE CREAM
3.5 L
MILO
ICE CREAM Nestlé
smarties
ICE CREAM WITH MINI SMARTIES
3.8L
Life is creamier.

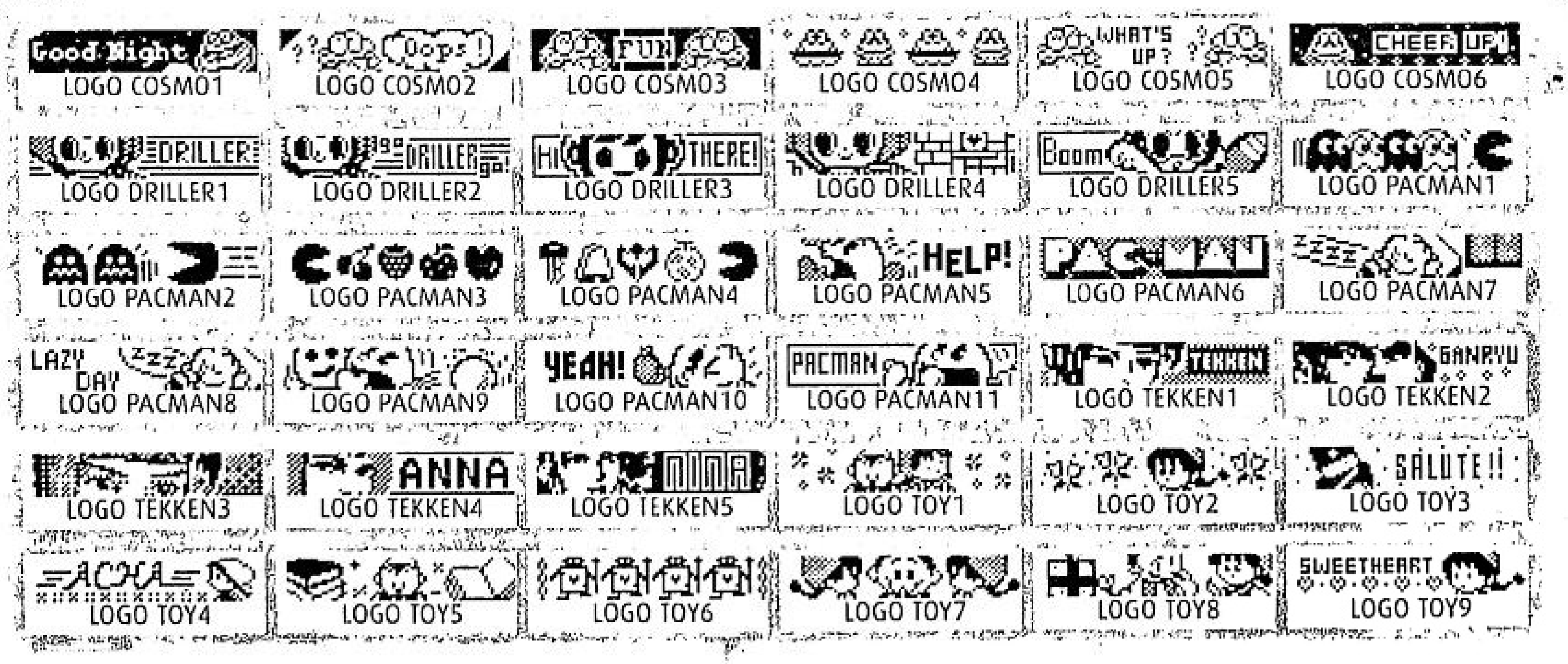
SMART **zed**™


99
NINA
PAC-MAN
Fight over these NAMCO logos.

www.zed.com

Grab these knockout logos from your favorite NAMCO video games like Pac-Man, Tekken, Mr. Driller, Toypop, and Cosmo Gangs.

LOGOS

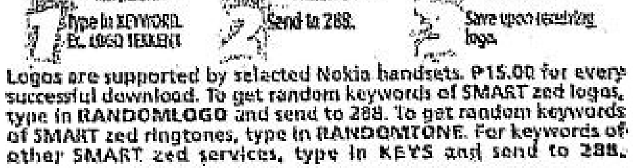

Good Night
LOGO COSMO1
Oops!
LOGO COSMO2
FUN
LOGO COSMO3
LOGO COSMO4
WHAT'S UP?
LOGO COSMO5
CHEER UP!
LOGO COSMO6
DRILLER
LOGO DRILLER1
DRILLER
LOGO DRILLER2
Hi THERE!
LOGO DRILLER3
LOGO DRILLER4
Boom
LOGO DRILLER5
LOGO PACMAN1
LOGO PACMAN2
LOGO PACMAN3
LOGO PACMAN4
HELP!
LOGO PACMAN5
PAC-MAN
LOGO PACMAN6
LOGO PACMAN7
LAZY DAY
LOGO PACMAN8
LOGO PACMAN9
YEAH!
LOGO PACMAN10
PACMAN
LOGO PACMAN11
TEKKEN
LOGO TEKKEN1
GANRYU
LOGO TEKKEN2
LOGO TEKKEN3
ANNA
LOGO TEKKEN4
NINA
LOGO TEKKEN5
LOGO TOY1
LOGO TOY2
SALUTE!!
LOGO TOY3
ACHA
LOGO TOY4
LOGO TOY5
LOGO TOY6
LOGO TOY7
LOGO TOY8
SWEETHEART
LOGO TOY9

Namco Characters: Pac-Man ©1980-2002 Namco Ltd. Tekken ©1994-2002 Namco Ltd. Mr. Driller ©1999-2002 Namco Ltd. Cosmo Gangs ©1990-2002 Namco Ltd. Toypop ©1986-2002 Namco Ltd.

SMART

Simply Amazing!

How to get a logo:


LOGO TEKKEN1
288
LOGO RECEIVED

Type in KEYWORD. Ex. LOGO TEKKEN1

Send to 288.

Save upon receiving logo.

Logos are supported by selected Nokia handsets. P15.00 for every successful download. To get random keywords of SMART zed logos, type in **RANDOMLOGO** and send to 288. To get random keywords of SMART zed ringtones, type in **RANDOMTONE**. For keywords of other SMART zed services, type in **KEYS** and send to 288.

Questions! Comments? Concerns? Call the SMART Hotline at 888-1111, text us at 888 (P1.00 per message sent in excess of the FREE TEXT allocation), e-mail us at customercare@smart.com.ph, or visit the SMART Wireless Center nearest you.

namco®

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING DIVISION
e-mail address: jobmarket@inquirer.com.ph
Main Office: PASONG TAMO, MAKATI CITY
☎ 8972535 (Direct) ☎ 8978808 (Trunk) Fax 8974808
G/F ATRIUM BLDG., MAKATI AVE., MAKATI CITY
☎ 8114361 ☎ 8114370 ☎ 8114012 Fax 8925578
ST. ANTHONY'S BLDG., AURORA BLVD., QUEZON CITY
☎ 912-9008-11 Fax 912-9011
SM MEGAMALL, MANDALUYONG CITY
☎ 6350219 ☎ 6872354 ☎ 6872366 Fax 6350220
G/F TRINITY BLDG., 636 T.M. KALAW ST., MANILA
☎ 5273342 ☎ 5280183 ☎ 5276357 Fax 5280213
ALABANG, MUNTINLUPA CITY
☎ 8424503 ☎ 8506465 Fax 8506465

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

JOB MARKET ©

Where You Find The Best.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2002 www.jobmarketonline.com Metro Manila Edition • Philippine Copyright 1995 H1

JOB MARKET
is exclusively for job advertisements.
This special section comes FREE with your copy of the
PHILIPPINE DAILY
INQUIRER
published every Sunday and distributed in Metro Manila
RATES
P190 per column centimeter every Sunday
(E-VAT exclusive)
DEADLINES
for reservations / cancellations / corrections
Thursday 12:00 noon

SM

invites people-oriented and dynamic professionals to join our *Metro Manila* branches and soon to open branch in *Bicutan*.

OPERATIONS GROUP

SELLING MANAGERS / SUPERVISORS
(OG-SM/S)

- female, not over 35 years old
- graduate of any 4-year business course
- at least 1 year experience in retail operations, food chain or in sales in the same capacity
- personable and can handle customer concerns and complaints effectively

CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGERS / SUPERVISORS (OG-CSM/S)

- female, not over 35 years old
- graduate of any 4-year business course
- with pleasing personality and enthusiastic in handling customer concerns and complaints effectively
- at least 1 to 2 years experience in customer relations

COUNTER / CHECKING SUPERVISORS
(OG-CS/S)

- female, not over 35 years old
- graduate of any 4-year business course
- at least 1 year experience in cash or credit card transactions in the same capacity
- flexible and can handle customer concerns and complaints effectively

WAREHOUSE SUPERVISORS
(OG-WS)

- male, not over 35 years old
- graduate of any 4-year business course
- with intensive experience in warehousing and other related functions preferably in a retail business
- ability to lead and motivate staff and foster a team working environment

CUSTOMER RELATIONS SERVICE SUPERVISORS
(OG-CRS/S)

- male, 5'5½" in height; 22-32 years old
- female, 5'2" in height; 21-32 years old
- graduate of Criminology or at least Second Year College
- at least 1 year related work experience
- flexible to different work assignments

SUPPORT / ADMINISTRATION GROUP

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER
(SAG-HRM)

- female, not over 35 years old
- graduate of Law, Behavioral Science, Psychology or any 4-year Management course
- with intensive experience in all facets of personnel management
- must be able to build and maintain professional relations with people in the organization

ACCOUNTING OFFICER / SUPERVISORS
(Budget * Systems)
(SAG-AO/S)

- female, not over 30 years old
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- with at least 2 years work experience in all accounting operations

TRAINING OFFICERS
(SAG-TO)

- female, not over 32 years old
- graduate of Education, Psychology, Behavioral Science or any 4-year business course
- at least 2 years related work experience in human resource development
- knowledgeable in the conduct of training needs analysis, design, implementation and evaluation of training programs and activities related to behavior and skills of employees

SYSTEMS ANALYST / PROGRAMMER
(SAG-SA/PROG)

- graduate of Computer Science/Engineering or other related business course
- with at least 2 years experience in applications development and implementation support
- expertise in AS/400, RPG/400
- preferably with exposure to standard software development and project management methodologies

SECRETARY
(SAG-SEC)

- female, not over 30 years old
- graduate of Management or any 4-year business course
- at least 1 year related work experience
- ability to organize and pioritize work load and able to meet deadlines

OFFICE ASSISTANTS
(Accounting * Treasury * Customer Service)
(SAG-OA)

- female, not over 25 years old
- graduate of Communication Arts, Business Management, Banking & Finance, Accountancy or Computer Science
- personable, fast-learner and willing to work on extended hours

Candidates for the position should have the following competencies:

- excellent communication skills, both verbal and written form
- can relate well with all levels of the organization
- proficient in computer software applications
- team-player, goal-oriented and able to work well under pressure
- willing to grow with the organization

Interested parties may apply personally from Monday to Friday, 9am - 4pm or send their comprehensive resumé with recent photo to:

The Recruitment Division Manager
Building D, SM Central Business Park
Bay City, Pasay City

Applicant for *SM Bicutan* may also apply personally at
SM Bicutan (Department Store)
Doña Soledad Avenue, Bicutan, Parañaque City

(Please bring 3 pcs. 2x2 colored pictures with white background and photocopy of your Transcript of Records and College Diploma together with the original copy).

Please come in proper business attire.

E-mail: Recruit.SM.HO@sm-shoemart.com

A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES AWAITS YOU

We are a member firm of the world's largest professional services organization, comprising more than 150,000 professionals in 150 countries.

As we help businesses, governments, and organizations solve complex problems, we also help our people realize their personal and professional goals. We are committed to helping you develop your career in an environment you will find both challenging and fulfilling.

TAX MANAGERS AND CONSULTANTS

We are looking for tax managers and tax consultants to join our team to assist us in a variety of roles, including client service work, technical tax research and publication, and training preparation and delivery. Our ideal applicant will have significant experience in corporate and/or individual taxation, be proficient in oral and written communication, and be responsible and self-driven.

We offer a competitive compensation package and significant opportunities for professional growth. If you believe you have what it takes to get to the top, we would like to hear from you.

To apply, send your resumé to:
Tax Services Department
Joaquin Cunanan & Co.
29th Floor Philamlife Tower, 8767 Paseo de Roxas, 1226 Makati City.

You may also visit our Web Site at www.pwcglobal.com/ph and fill up our on-line form.

JOAQUIN CUNANAN & CO.
A member firm of PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS

© 2002 PricewaterhouseCoopers PricewaterhouseCoopers refers to the individual member firms of the worldwide PricewaterhouseCoopers organisation All rights reserved

---

SHINKAWA LTD.

Philippine Representative Office

Manufacturer of Semiconductor Equipment

Is in urgent need of:

SERVICE ENGINEER

- ○ male, not more than 30 years old
- ○ graduate of Electrical/Electronics Engineering course
- ○ with experience in diebond/wirebond semiconductor machine (Shinkawa and others)
- ○ good oral and written communication skills
- ○ with good moral character
- ○ to be assigned in Baguio City

Please send resumé at:
Unit 304 The Sycamore Building
Alabang-Zapote Road
Alabang, Muntinlupa City

Habitat for Humanity Philippines Foundation, Inc.

We are a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry affiliated with Habitat for Humanity International and we are searching for experienced and qualified candidates with the sense of mission and commitment for the following positions:

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS NATIONAL COORDINATOR **(Code: VPNC)**

To develop, implement and monitor national volunteer programs (Global Village, Youth Programs, Volunteer Services)

- Bachelor's Degree in Humanities, Developmental Studies, Communication Arts or related fields; between the ages of 28-32
- 3-5 years experience in a supervisory position handling program development and management, PME, training and mentoring
- Strong leadership skills, good public speaking, networking, and interpersonal skills; able to work in cross-cultural and cross-functional groups; computer proficient, willing to travel and work irregular hours

PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT DIRECTOR **(Code: PED)**

To provide leadership and direction in the planning, implementation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of various activities aimed at enhancing programs towards the attainment of Habitat's goals

- Preferably with graduate studies in management, social development, public administration or related fields; between the ages of 35-45
- At least10 years progressive experience in developing, implementing, managing, and evaluating social programs and projects
- Excellent program planning, policy formulation, communication, organizational and interpersonal skills

NATIONAL OPERATIONS DIRECTOR **(Code: NOD)**

To lead and direct the implementation of Habitat programs nationwide, as well as manage the planning, execution and monitoring of activities of area operations

- Preferably with graduate studies; at least 10 years management experience in a similar non-profit organization; between the ages of 35 to 45
- Strong background experience in community development, house construction, program planning and management, urban planning and development, organizational development, board and executive team relations
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills; computer literate; willing to travel

TECHNICAL OFFICERS (for Luzon and Visayas/Mindanao) **(Code: TO)**

To implement, supervise and develop creative and innovative appropriate technology with the Affiliates in the assigned areas towards building more sustainable housing programs grounded on Habitat's principles

- Must be registered civil engineers or architects; between the ages of 30-40
- At least 5 years experience in construction and social development work
- Good presentation and mentoring skills, computer literate; willing to travel and work irregular hours

OD SPECIALIST **(Code: ODS)**

To develop, plan, implement and evaluate organizational intervention and staff training needs to support the organization's mission and vision

- Bachelor's degree in Psychology, HR Management, Behavioral Science or related fields; between the ages of 30-35
- At least 5 years hands-on experience in HR development, OD and training in medium-sized organization; preferably with NGO background
- Self-motivated; excellent presentation and communication skills; strong leadership, interpersonal and organizational abilities; computer literate; willing to work long and irregular hours

TRAINING ASSISTANT **(Code: TA)**

To provide administrative, logistical and technical support to the Training Unit in support of the Foundation's mission, goals and principles

- Bachelor's degree in HR-related courses; between the ages of 26-30
- At least 4 years experience in an administrative position; preferably with a Training Department in an NGO or in a multi-cultural environment
- Self-motivated; good organization, administration, negotiation and interpersonal skills; computer literate; willing to go on field assignments and work irregular hours

Qualified candidates should send their application and updated resumé no later than September 20 to:

The Human Resources Manager
152 Lopez-Rizal Street, Bgy. Highway Hills, 1550 Mandaluyong City
(Please indicate CODE)
E-mail: HR@habitat.org.ph

(Candidates who do not hear from us within 3 weeks from the deadline need not follow-up. Previous applicants need not apply.)

JAVA DEVELOPER

Demonstrated Java Technology skills in
Java 2
Java Server Pages, Java Servlets
JavaBeans, Enterprise JavaBeans
JDBC, RMI, Client-Server etc.
Expertise in developing under the J2EE architecture - design, development and deployment.

Demonstrated Web Development skills in
HTML / DHTMl (required)
JavaScript (required)
Applets (required)
ASP (advantage)
PHP (advantage)
C++ (advantage)

Please indicate in your resumé skills and knowledge in various technologies
such as XML, SOAP, CORBA,
Include familiarity and use of various databases
(PostgreSQL, SQL Server, Access, mySQL, Oracle, etc.)
as well as various OS/WebServer (e.g. WebSphere, Bea Weblogic, SunOne, JRun, etc.)
platforms that you have worked in.

Developers will experience in Enterprise Development, ERP integration,
Banking Applications and CRM is highly desirable.

IT CONSULTANT / ANALYST

Degree holder of Computer Science, MIS, or any related discipline
Strong Sales and Marketing background in IT solutions
Strong systems and business process analysis skills for project scoping
and solutions development
Expertise in Project Management, Application Design and System Architecture
Knowledgeable in various Technology Platforms
Consultants with experience in Enterprise Development, ERP integration,
Banking Application and CRM is highly desirable.
Strong communication skills with an excellent command or written and Spoken English

Please send resumé at k2 inter[a]ctive, inc.
10F The Orient Square Building, Emerald Avenue, Ortigas, Pasig City 1605
or email at youneedme@k2ia.com

k2ia
k2 inter[a]ctive
solutions that connect

EuroCredit Cooperative

Employment Opportunities

FINANCIAL TRAINEES

A growing and professional financial organization providing a range of retail financial services is now seeking applications from young and motivated individuals who want to pursue a career in financial cooperativism and microfinance.

Minimum qualifications for the position of Financial Trainee are:

- ➢ Personable and with good communication skills.
- ➢ Can easily relate to individuals of different backgrounds and orientation.
- ➢ With business sense and above average academic background.
- ➢ Age between 21-24 years old.
- ➢ Graduates of any course but preferably Business, Accounting, Finance, Economics or Marketing.
- ➢ Requires minimum supervision and a team player.

Successful candidates must attend and pass the Institution's Financial Entrepreneurship Program before they can assume formal employment.

Please send CV with photo by 14 September 2002 to:

Recruitment Officer
Room 203 Sunrise Centre
488 P. Ocampo Street, Malate, Manila
Tel. No. 524-9201; Fax No. 524-9204

A LEADING LAW FIRM INVITES APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF:

SENIOR PROGRAMMER

The Work

The Senior Programmer will have the responsibility of supporting the Firm's applications systems as well as developing and maintaining Windows/browser-based applications.

Qualifications:

- ➢ Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degree, or related courses
- ➢ At least 3 years programming experience in MS Visual Basic/ MS SQL Server/ ASP Pages/ Scripting languages
- ➢ Familiar with CASE tools
- ➢ Knowledge in SQL database administration is preferred
- ➢ Accounting knowledge is a plus
- ➢ Excellent command of written and spoken English
- ➢ Good communication skills
- ➢ Able to learn and adapt quickly
- ➢ Must enjoy working with others in a team environment
- ➢ Able to work with people from other countries
- ➢ Willingness to travel on short notice
- ➢ Under 35 years of age and in good health

Qualified applicants may submit their resumé (please indicate current salary), 2x2 picture, and other credentials to:

THE OFFICE MANAGER
11th Floor, Pacific Star Building
Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue corner Makati Avenue
Makati City

FIESTA BRANDS INC

One of the world's leading manufacturers of processed cocounut products, and one of the Top 500 Corporations in the Philippines, has an immediate need for:

Marketing Services/ Department Secretary

with the following qualifications:

- ✓ Bachelor's degree in BSBA, Marketing or any related course;
- ✓ Good oral and written communication skills;
- ✓ Good organization skills and should be keen with details;
- ✓ Computer literate;
- ✓ Female not more than 25 years old.

The Marketing Services Staff/Department Secretary will be tasked to provide support to the product manager/account manager in marketing services work such as packaging design and brochures development and coordinating with suppliers and design agencies. She will also provide clerical support such as handling and filing communications, and others.

Qualified applicants kindly send your comprehensive resumé together with a copy of your transcript of records and 2x2 colored picture to:

The Administrative Manager
1052 Edsa Magallanes Village, Makati City 1232
Email: mfg-techsvs@fiesta-brands.com

URGENT REQUIREMENT: for a Foreign-Assisted Program - Mindanao

A U.S. consulting engineering company contracted by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to implement the Growth with Equity in Mindanao Program is seeking expressions of interest from individuals applying for the following positions:

Deputy Program Manager for Contracts & Administration

This is a senior level position for a fixed-term engagement. The work entails contracting for several hundred small and medium scale community infrastructure projects, estimated to cost up to US$25 million, throughout the program's area of coverage, based on the applicable provisions of U.S. Government Federal, and AID Acquisition Regulations (FAR and AIDAR). The individual will function as the program's contracting officer, and will be expected to, with technical advice of civil engineers, handle all aspects of bidding, negotiation, award, and administration of construction contracts, which will be fixed-price in nature and scope. Actual experience in contracting for construction-related projects under U.S. government programs is required.

Contracts and Administration Specialist

This is a professional, mid-level managerial position for a fixed-term engagement. The work entails providing management support to a senior contracting officer. In addition, the individual will be expected to have management oversight over the program's accounting and administrative staff, and be responsible for procurement of services and commodities normally associated with office operations. Actual experience in working with USAID programs on any or all of the afore-stated functions will be an advantage.

A law or accounting degree is preferred but is not necessarily a requirement. Non-resident individuals will have to relocate to Davao City. Compensation will be based on salary history, equivalent market rates with standard fringe benefit packages.

The Project will begin on or about September 2002 through August 14, 2007 with Davao City as the official duty station but with extensive travel throughout Mindanao particularly in the areas comprising the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

Interested individuals are requested to submit original copies of their letter of interest, statement of experience and qualifications, and salary history within 5 working days of publication of this ad to the following address: The Louis Berger Group, Inc. Unit 3, 12th flr., ExportBank Plaza, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue corner Don Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City 1200. Contact Phone: (02) 812-1647.

VISIT US AT www.jobmarketonline.com
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
JOBMarket ONLINE

Business Unit Sales Manager, Industrial OEM/Wholesale Refrigerants Flourchemicals

Multinational Industrial Ingredients Distribution Company, with strong regional connections in South East Asia, well established for five years in the Philippines, with offices situated in the Makati business district, is searching for a Business Unit Sales Manager, Refrigerants and Flourchemicals, with direct reporting to the General Manager of the Company.

If you are looking for a challenging Industrial Sales and Marketing position, in managing the specific business area of Refrigerants and Flourchemicals and wish to form part of a dynamic group of professionals, we offer you this opportunity:

We require a person, between 30-40 years,

College graduate in Refrigeration Engineering, Chemical Engineering or related disciplines.

These are our expectations:

- With strong commercial and business acumen.
- The successful candidate with prior experience in the industrial distribution field will be preferred.
- Have superb organizational skills, with a hands-on approach.
- Be an experienced, motivated, independent worker, by leading an own Business Unit team.
- Take initiatives to maximize and produce business growth, specifically in the Refrigerants & Flourchemicals line of products.
- Will be responsible for the business Unit cost center and preparation of budgets, sales forecasts, and inventories, pricing guidelines.
- Understands to establish and maintain effective after-sales systems and techniques to nourish better business relationships.
- Have an understanding in maintaining good relationships with regulatory public instances.
- Be well versed and have good oral and written command in English.
- Be efficient and flexible; be able to meet tight deadlines.
- Has assertive interpersonal and communication skills.
- Develop and encourage effective teamwork among subordinates and peers.
- Must be computer literate, MS Word / Excel / Powerpoint.
- Occasional domestic and regional travel within the South East Asia region will be required.

Competitive Salary package / Benefits /
Bonus Scheme / Medical card

Submit covering letter, Resumé and personal contact details to **Attention the General Manager / Ref: MAREF 09/03**.

Address: **MK-97
c/o Philippine Daily Inquirer
G/F Atrium Bldg.,
Makati Avenue, Makati City**

IMMEDIATE HIRING
LUXURY SPA & FITNESS CENTER

Is in need of qualified, highly motivated, ambitious, and high caliber individuals for the opening of a brand Spa & Fitness Center.

FITNESS MANAGER & GYM COORDINATOR

- 23 & above male or female
- Graduate of a respectable institution with major in P.E. or Physical Therapy (Preferably Licensed)
- Possess a Fitness Certification ACE/AFPP
- Has held similar positions for at least 2 years
- Computer Literate & English Speaking
- Customer Relation Experience is an advantage
- Responsible for day to day operation
- Organized and coordinate with all department to insure the proper operations of the facility
- Help train and hire respective staff

MARKETING / SALES MANAGER

- 25 & above male or female
- Graduate of a respectable institution local or abroad with major in Marketing / Business management
- Has more than 3 years working experience
- Has held similar position for at least 2 years
- Computer literate & English speaking
- Responsibility will include:
  1.) Create a thorough Target Market study and strategy
  2.) Create a pricing strategy for the facilities based on the Target Market study
  3.) Design a marketing and promotional strategy
  4.) Hiring and training the sales team

PHYSICAL TRAINERS

- 21 & above male or female
- Graduate of a respectable institution with majors in P.E. or Physical Therapy (Preferably Licensed)
- Computer Literate & English Speaking
- Preferably Physically Fit
- Customer Relation Experience is an advantage

SERVICE TEAM SUPERVISORS

- 25 & above male or female
- Has taken up courses on Service Management and any related course
- Willing to work shifting schedule
- At least 2 years experience handling people
- Computer Literate & English Speaking
- Customer relation experience is an advantage

FACIAL AND MASSAGE THERAPISTS
RECEPTIONISTS

- Female, 18-30 years old
- Willing to undergo training with shifting schedule
- Pleasing Personality
- At least 5'2", Fluent in spoken English
- At least High School Graduate

Interested applicants please apply personally at No. 60 Timog Avenue, Cor. Tomas Morato beside Petron. look for Maricel or call 372-47-22. Please bring (2x2) ID picture and Resumé.

We are a well-established Security Firm looking for a

Business Development Officer

Responsibilities
- Market Research
- Participate in the Development & Implementation of Marketing Plans & Strategies
- Client Representation and Relations
- Document Organization and Maintenance

Qualifications
- Female / Male, not over 30 years old
- Computer literate, Excellent in written and oral communication
- Team player, Can participate in preparation of marketing plans
- Capable of multi-tasking, Can cope in a multi-cultural environment
- Can work efficiently under pressure and time restriction
- Highly organized, Creative, Detail oriented, Resourceful, Flexible

Interested candidates may submit their resumé to gracea160@mallcity.com or fax to 8120315 or call 8195016

MAMA ROSA

is seeking highly motivated and experienced personnel for the following positions:

RESTAURANT MANAGER

- ✓ HRM, Nutrition or Food Technology graduate
- ✓ At least three (3) years relevant work experience at restaurant operations
- ✓ 25-35 years old

CAPTAIN WAITER

- ✓ Male, from 26 to 30 years old
- ✓ Graduate of a four year college course, preferably Hotel and Restaurant Management
- ✓ With at least two (2) years work experience in fine-dining operations
- ✓ With outgoing personality, good communication and interpersonal skills and leadership abilities

WAITERS

- ✓ Male, from 20 to 30 years old
- ✓ With certificate of skills training in any Restaurant Service course
- ✓ With at least two (2) years work experience in fine-dining restaurant
- ✓ Can deal courteously and graciously with different types of people

DESIGN ARTIST

- ✓ Graduate, Fine Arts, Graphic Design or related course
- ✓ Computer proficient
- ✓ Creative
- ✓ Preferably with relevant work experience in fast food business

TRANSPORT SUPERVISOR

- ✓ Background in Mechanical Engineering
- ✓ 25 to 35 years old
- ✓ With valid driver's license

QUALITY CONTROL STAFF

- ✓ Graduate, Food Technology
- ✓ At least two (2) years relevant work experience in quantity food production
- ✓ Proficient in oral and written communication
- ✓ Computer literate
- ✓ 22 to 30 years old

Apply in person with comprehensive resumé and recent picture, or send resumé with picture to:

**Human Resources Department
#159 Kamias Road Ext.,
Quezon City**

CIGI **SIG**

CIGI, a member of the Global British Oxygen Company (BOC) Group. We have a reputation for technical innovation and reliable service, making us the leading industrial gas manufacturer and service provider in the whole Philippines. In support to our growth initiatives we are looking for a seasoned, responsible and highly motivated individuals to assume the following key positions:

PROJECT/RISK MITIGATION ENGINEER

The role:
- To provide assistance in the roll out of technical and training programmes aimed at creating a proactively safe production and distribution operations.
- To contribute actively in the planning, implementation, progress management and evaluation of projects.
- To assist engineering personnel in ensuring safety and risk management in all process modifications and engineering changes.

The qualifications:
- Male, 25 to 30 years old.
- Should be a Licensed Mechanical, Chemical, Industrial or Electrical Engineer.
- Computer literate (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, MS Project or Primavera)
- Must be results oriented, flexible, self-motivated and possess a strong sense of urgency and enthusiasm in his work.
- With working experience in a manufacturing industry.

WELDING SALES SPECIALIST

We are looking for two persons to fill up the position. The welding sales specialist will be responsible for the overall development of joining electrodes, gas equipment, and related welding consumable product line by getting and managing new accounts, and assisting the area salespeople in selling to prospective customers.

Qualifications:
- Young, energetic person with extensive knowledge and skill in SMAW, Hardfacing, and Oxy-fuel Gas Equipment application.
- With four (4) years previous experience in related job function in a welding supply company handling similar products.
- Practicing welders willing to transfer to a sales position, are also welcome to apply.
- Must have a valid driver's license, preferably with at least 2 years driving experience.
- Preferably with knowledge in computer application (Word, Excel, Powerpoint)
- Results-oriented and sociable, with good communication skills.

This is an immediate requirement, all interested applicants are requested to send their resume, with 2x2 picture to:

THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION
Consolidated Industrial Gases, Inc.
CIGI Building, Sheridan Street, Mandaluyong City
Email Address: sol.himan@cigi.com.ph

A Leading Life Insurance Company needs the following Graduates:

CUSTOMER CARE ASSISTANTS

- Male or Female, not more than 28 yrs. old;
- BS Nursing, Physical Therapy, MedTech.

MARKETING ASSISTANTS

- Male, not more than 25 yrs. old;
- Any Business course.

SALES TRAINER

- Male, not more than 28 yrs. old.;
- AB Communications, Behavioral Science/ Psychology;

ACTUARIAL ANALYSTS

- BS Applied Math/Statistics (Graduate of UP, DLSU or Ateneo)

BRANCH PERSONNEL

- Male or Female, not more than 25 y. o.;
- BS Accountancy

BENEFITS:
- ☐ 15 months compensation
- ☐ Car and housing loans at low interest rates
- ☐ medical/HMO benefits
- ☐ retirement benefit at max 2 months gross salary
- ☐ additional 1 month special performance incentive bonus
- ☐ and others

Mail your Comprehensive resume with Transcript of Records and 2x2 picture not later than **September 11, 2002** to:

**The HRD
MCC PO Box 1681**

CIGI **SIG**

Consolidated Industrial Gases, Inc. and Southern Industrial Gases are members of the Global British Oxygen Company (BOC) Group. We have a reputation for technical innovation and reliable service, making us the leading industrial gas manufacturer and service provider in the whole Philippines. In support of our growth initiatives our company has a current vacancy for a:

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

Directly reporting to the Country Managing Director, the Human Resources Manager is accountable for strategic planning and overseeing functions, programs, and policies that will ensure the availability and effective utilization of the company's human resources. This position is accountable for efficient resourcing, management of compensation and benefits, succession planning, employee development and maintaining harmonious employer-employee relationship.

Qualifications:
- No more than 45 years old
- Graduate of any behavioral science course such as Sociology, Industrial or Organizational Psychology
- Preferably with background in law or has taken some masteral units in Human Resources or MBA
- With at least ten (10) years working experience in an HR Office, at least five (5) years of which in managerial status, preferably in a unionized environment
- With hands-on working knowledge in all facets of HR Management such as payroll, benefits administration, recruitment, training, employee relations and organizational development
- Must have actual experience in CBA negotiation
- With excellent oral and written communication skills
- Must have good working knowledge of MS Word, Excel, and Powerpoint
- Must be willing to travel anytime and a holder of a valid driver's license, with at least two years continuous driving experience

SAFETY, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & QUALITY MANAGER

Reporting directly to the Managing Director, the SHEQ Manager will provide functional leadership to all SHEQ personnel in the Philippines. He/She shall provide guidance to senior management, to ensure compliance with legislation and BOC Corporations standards, continuous improvement in SHEQ performance and permanent reduction in risk.

Qualifications:
- No more than 45 years old
- Should be a licensed Mechanical, Chemical Engineer
- 2 to 4 years experience in general safety processes in a managerial level
- At least 4 years experience in Technical and Safety Auditing
- Experience in ISO9000 and International Safety Rating System (ISRS) Audit and Accredited Pollution Controller officer is definitely an advantage
- With computer know-how specifically MS Office
- Must have above average communication skills, written and oral
- Mature dependent with high spirit of teamwork
- Willing to travel and a holder of valid driver's license, with at least two years of continuous driving

If you're the person we're looking for, please submit letter of intent to:

**HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION
Consolidated Industrial Gases, Inc.
Sheridan Street, Mandaluyong City**
E-mail Address:
**sol.himan@cigi.com.ph
marda.saturno@cigi.com.ph**

CIGI **SIG**

Consolidated Industrial Gases, Inc. and Southern Industrial Gases are members of the Global British Oxygen Company (BOC) Group. We have a reputation for technical innovation and reliable service, making us the leading industrial gas manufacturer and service provider in the whole Philippines. In support of our growth initiatives our company has a current vacancy for a:

COMMERCIAL & CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGER

The Commercial and Customer Service Manager shall:

Set up effective and efficient policies and procedures in contract review and monitoring, price increase implementation and pricing manual administration.

Ensure the continuous and smooth flow of sales operations through a timely processing of contracts and pricing documents and ensure that contractual risks and exposure of the business are minimized through better control over customer contracts.

Likewise, with the assistance of his/her able staff, the Commercial and Customer Service Manager shall ensure that all clients' and customer concerns are addressed to their fullest satisfaction. His/Her group shall be accountable for providing quality support services and excellent customer service levels to all market sectors which involves:

- Managing the customer inbound telephone orders, and outbound marketing and customer management sales calls
- Monitoring orders and deliveries to customers & service levels attained
- Monitoring accounts receivables, invoicing, debit/credit notes, cash sales and data base updates
- Monitoring cylinder in inventory and accounting of customers
- Handling inquiries of CIGI products, standards and services
- Coordinating with concerned departments on customer services concerns
- Operation and management of data base program

Required Education/Skills/Experience:

The ideal candidate will be results orientated and have the drive and ambition to make the changes necessary to create a first rate commercial/customer service center providing the highest levels of customer service. They will be able to effectively manage and motivate their department and have the excellent inter-personal skills and administrative talents necessary to work with other departments to ensure ongoing improvements. They will also posses the high level of financial & business acumen required in today's competitive environment.

The candidates will most likely have a background in a customer call center/service role or in commercial management and marketing skills would also be an advantage.

We also require him/her to have a thorough working knowledge of the software programs: MS WORD,EXCEL and POWERPOINT plus, excellent communication, organizational, and written skills.

Required Education/Skills/Experience:

Although we prefer a Finance Graduate with a background in Law, we can also accommodate a graduate of any business related course as long as he/she has earned substantial units in MBA.

However, in addition to the right educational background, the applicant should have at least two years experiential background in marketing and research in management role.

We also require him/her to have a thorough working knowledge of the software programs: MS WORD, EXCEL and POWERPOINT plus, excellent communication, organizational, and written skills.

He/She must be comfortable dealing with customers and work with a variety of people inside and outside the organization. He/She must be flexible, and creative.

Lastly, he/she must be willing to travel, must know how to drive, and a holder of a valid driver's license.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ANALYSTS (2)

To work alongside with the Financial Services Manager the incumbent shall have the following agenda:
- Understand large variance to plan
- Identify opportunities to improve business financial performance
- Discuss major capital expenditure projects and acquisitions
- Prepare strategic reviews/annual plans
- Assist business decision making with ad hoc financial analysis
- Discuss transfer pricing/costs allocation issues

He/She must have the following qualifications:
- 25-35 years old
- Graduate of any Engineering or Business course, preferably with MBA degree or units
- Must have a thorough working knowledge of the software programs: MS Word, Excel, and Powerpoint
- With excellent communications skills and he/she must be a team player, in managing changes and innovations
- Must be business-oriented with particular strengths in strategic planning

If you're the person we're looking for, please submit letter of intent to:

**HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION
Consolidated Industrial Gases, Inc.
Sheridan Street, Mandaluyong City**
E-mail Address: marda.saturno@cigi.com.ph
sol.himan@cigi.com.ph

We are a well-established Consulting Firm looking for a

Marketing & Business Development Specialist

The Successful Candidate will
- Report directly to the Director
- Develop & Implement Marketing Plans & Strategies
- Explore Market Opportunities and improve Client Relations in alignment with Corporate Strategies
- Represent the company to clients

Qualifications
- Female / Male, not over 30 years old
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Strong moral & ethical character
- Works well in a multicultural environment
- Can work efficiently under pressure and time restriction
- Highly organized, Creative, Detail oriented, Resourceful, Flexible

Interested candidates may submit their resumé to gracea160@mallcity.com or fax to 8120315 or call 8195016

Industrial Galvanizers
Corporation of the Philippines

A multi-national firm based in Cavite, engaged in **Galvanizing and Steel Poles Fabrication** is looking for a highly competent individual to fill in key positions in the organization and play a major role in its growth and development.

The following Job Opportunities await qualified applicants:

MARKET DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

- Graduate of Chemical or Metallurgical Engineer
- Male or Female, not more than 40 years old
- Has at least 3 years solid experience as Market Development Officer
- Good oral, communication & interpersonal skills
- Personable & articulate, to be assigned in Makati Office
- Can promote galvanizing products through presentations, lectures & etc.

POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER

- Registered Chemical or Mechanical Engineer
- At least 2 to 3 years solid experience as Pollution Control Officer
- Male, 25 to 35 years old
- Department of Environment & Natural Resources Accredited

STRUCTURAL DETAILER

- Civil, Architectural or Mechanical Engineering graduate
- Male, 25-30 years old
- Minimum of 3 years experience in structural detailing
- Knowledge in X-Steel is an advantage
- Can work with minimum supervision
- Preferably resident of Cavite or willing to relocate

STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

- Licensed Civil Engineer
- Male, 25 to 35 years of age
- 3 to 5 years experience in lattice tower design
- Can handle design using STAAD & other design software
- With strong leadership

For all position other than Market Development Officer, residents of Trece Martires City or nearby towns are preferred.

If you think you are the person we need, you may submit or fax your comprehensive resumé and transcript of records on or before **13 September 2002** to the HR & Admin Officer, Industrial Galvanizers Corporation of the Philippines, Brgy. Conchu Trece Martires City, Cavite. For inquiries, please call **046-4191837 or fax at 046-4191829. For Market Development applicants you may send or fax your resumé at Rm. 73 RCI Bldg., 105 Rada Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City (02) 893-2478, call (02) 752-5841 or e-mail at lgcpgm@pacific.net.ph**

Rustan's

URGENTLY NEEDS.....

MERCHANDISING DIVISION MANAGER

For MEN'S / COSMETICS & TOILETRIES

- At least 30 years old
- Graduate of a 4-year business related course, preferably an MBA degree holder
- With at least (2) two - year work experience in the retail business in a managerial capacity
- Must be very knowledgeable in JDA program
- Must have excellent performance in terms of reaching financial objectives
- Must possess an above average marketing & negotiating skills
- Must have good judgement and leadership skills
- Must have exemplary oral and written communication skills
- Must be proactive, analytical, well-travelled, results-oriented, creative and with good fashion/cosmetics sense

RUSTAN'S HEAD OFFICE
Human Resources & Organization Development Division
G/F, El Mercasol Bldg., EDSA, Mandaluyong City

(Only qualified applicants will be scheduled for an interview)

Rustan's

Urgently needs...

SALES ASSOCIATES

(For Holiday Season)

- Between 21-28 years old
- At least 2nd year college complete
- 5'2" in height with clear complexion
- Must have initiative, ability and sustained interest in selling
- Must possess a pleasing and dynamic personality
- Good in oral communication skills

Interested applicants may apply personally to:

RUSTAN'S HEAD OFFICE
G/F Rustan Bldg., EDSA, Mandaluyong City
(near Ortigas fly-over, across Corinthian Garden in EDSA)
Applicants may be accommodated from Monday to Thursday between 8-12 nn.

An Established Network Marketing Co. (MLM) invites suitably qualified and experienced Individual to fill up the following key positions:

VIDEO EDITOR

☐ Male/Female, 25-35 years old; Knowledgeable in 3D Graphics Animation and Production; With background experience in Advertising or TV network station is an advantage

AUDIT STAFF

☐ Male/Female, 25-30 years old; Accounting graduate; Must have 2 to 3 years experience in auditing, liquidation of expenses/disbursements; Must have good verbal communication skill and leadership ability; computer literate

MARKETING ASSISTANT

☐ Male, single, 22-25 years old; at least 5'6" in height; Graduate of Marketing or Mass Communications (newly graduates are welcome); Trainable and with good verbal communication skill; Computer literate

SECRETARY

☐ Female, single, 22-25 years old; College graduate, preferably Secretarial Course; Knowledgeable in shorthand writing; Computer literate; With good verbal communication skill; With pleasing personality

Please send your resumé to:

The Sr. Marketing Manager
3rd Floor, EDMARK Bldg.
No. 355 P. Tuazon Blvd., Corner 21st Avenue, Cubao, Quezon City
Tel. No. 9135515
Email: edmarkhq@info.com.ph

A leading brand of apparel is in need of the following key personnel for its expansion programs.

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

Qualifications:

Male or female, not more than 40 years old. Senior-level position in a fast-paced, high growth business. Minimum of six years experience. Bachelor's Degree, an MBA is preferred. Oversees all Human Resource Programs and administration, manages staff with proficiencies in specialized areas like compensation, employee relations, benefits, recruitment, training and labor relations.

FINANCE MANAGER

Qualifications:

Responsible for all financial and custodial accounting activities. Male or female, not more than 35 years old. BS Accounting, must be CPA. Five years experience, with strong background in retail and manufacturing firm; including running a ledger in an integrated systems environment. Knowlege of methodology to coordinate and standardized all functions according to corporate policies and procedure. With knowledge in using any computerized accounting software.

MARKETING & STRATEGIC PLANNING ASSISTANT

Qualifications:

Work on a wide range of challenging projects including advertising, sales strategies, new product development, pricing, and strategic business alliances. Provide key leadership and analytical support to major marketing efforts aimed at creating new revenue opportunities and improving current performance. Male or female, not more than 30 years old, graduate of Economics, Marketing, or Business Administration preferably from UP, La Salle, Ateneo, UST or UA and P. Superior analytical skills, experience in brand and project management would be an advantage, computer litrate and a team player.

If you are up to the challenge, send resumé at

c/o Philippine Daily Inquirer
5/F Building B, SM Megamall
Mandaluyong City
P.O. Box 200

SILANGAN
Communications (Phils.), Inc.
Unit 1814 Cityland Herrera Tower 98 Herrera corner Valero Streets, Salcedo Village, Makati City, 1200 Philippines
Tel.: (63)2-893-6437 Fax: (63)2-893-6438

MARKETING ASSISTANTS

- Male or Female, 20-25 years old
- Graduate of any four-year course
- With excellent communication skills
- People-oriented and pleasing personality
- Telemarketing experience a plus

Qualified candidates will undergo training and will receive basic salary plus commission.

Send resumé with 2x2 photo to:

Unit 1814 Cityland Herrera Tower, 98 Rufino corner Valero Sts., Salcedo Village, Makati City 1200

or email to: silangan-phils@silangan.com

on or before **September 11, 2002**

Rustan's

URGENTLY NEEDS.....

TRAINING MANAGER for COSMETICS & TOILETRIES

- Female, at least 25 years old
- Graduate of Business Management or any Social Science course, preferably with inclinations in business
- Minimum of one (1) year experience in handling training of cosmetics & toiletries products
- Must possess strong leadership qualities, high initiative and organizational skills
- Must be people - oriented, mature, flexible, analytical and highly motivated
- Must be able to adapt to a fast working environment
- Proficient in English communication and computer programs

Please send your application documents with contact numbers indicated, transcript of records, and a recent 2x2 photo to:

RUSTAN'S HEAD OFFICE
Human Resources & Organization Development Division
El Mercasol Bldg., EDSA, Mandaluyong City

(Only qualified applicants will be scheduled for an interview)

A DOCUMENT PROCESSING CENTER FOR THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION INVITES APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF:

DOCUMENT PROCESSORS/OPERATORS

(WITH SPECIAL SKILLS)

- Male or female, college graduate from reputable schools
- Excellent English communications and typing skills
- Highly computer literate with knowledge in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Photoshop and PageMaker
- Willing to work 6 days a week, even during holidays, and be assigned to different shifts
- Experience with recorders and transcribers preferred
- Experience in desktop publishing, advertising and production of marketing materials, exposure with preparation of bills and accounts payable, a plus

Qualified applicants may submit their resumé, 2x2 picture, and other credentials to (please indicate current salary):

THE OFFICE MANAGER
11th Floor, Pacific Star Building
Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue corner Makati Avenue
Makati City

Releasing children from poverty
Compassion
in Jesus' name

urgently needs

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

who will provide leadership and management in the Program Department that is tasked to implement Compassion's Child Development Programs in partnership with churches; supervises overall program planning, implementation, innovation, training, monitoring and evaluation.

- Preferably Male, between 35-45 years old
- Must be an Evangelical Born-Again Christian, with strong values of integrity, servant leadership, teamwork and excellence
- With at least 3-year leadership experience in holistic child development and strategic management
- With proven competence in leadership and development of staff who will implement child development programs
- Preference for candidates with a Masteral degree or post-graduate course units in management/social/behavioral sciences.

Qualified candidates may send formal application for employment with attached recent 2x2 picture, comprehensive resume detailing work, salary history, and certificate of employment to e-mail address: rcosico@ph.ci.org not later than September 30, 2002.

Only short listed applicants will be scheduled for examination and interview.

The Human Resource Specialist
Compassion International Philippine Office
Second Floor, 99 E & L Building
Roces Avenue, Quezon City
Tel. No. 373-30-21 up to 23

★ ★ ☆ ★ **THE MAGIC GOES ON** ★ ★ ★ ★

magiclip
products phils., inc.
needs immediately

- **Salesmen & Account Executives**
  For:
  - Hotels, Restaurants, Fast Food Eateries, etc.
  - Hospitals, Diagnostic Clinics, Doctors Offices, etc.
  - Department Stores, Bookstores, Religious Stores, School Supplies, Office Supplies
  - Schools, Colleges, Universities, etc.
  - Corporate Give-aways, Souvenirs & Gifts
- **Seminar Coordinator**
- **Computer Secretary**

Magiclip – WINNER OF THE PRESTIGIOUS FILIPINO INVENTOR'S AWARD
Developed in the United States and now marketed nationwide.
Those interested in making **P20,000** or more a month
Apply in person (Monday or Tuesday, 3:00 PM) or send resume to:

Magiclip Products Phils., Inc.
Suite 410 Sunrise Condo. 1 Bldg., Ortigas Ave. 1502 Greenhills, San Juan, MM
Tels: 722-9427 or 721-2671 E-mail: magiclip@pacific.net.ph

(Dealers/Independent Business Owners are welcomed)

ambergris solutions

WANTED: TEAM PLAYERS

Join the fastest growing industry in the Philippines today. Ambergris Solutions is a premiere customer contact center located in the Ortigas area.

We are building dream teams that will assist us in attaining exceptional customer service of world-class standards.

We require the following mandatory qualifications from all applicants:

- ✓ excellent command of the English language (written/oral)
- ✓ college graduate
- ✓ customer service preferred
- ✓ willing to work night shifts

Current positions available:

- Customer Interaction Associate
- Team Captain
- Trainer
- Quality Monitoring Analyst
- Sr./Jr. Technical Consultant
- Marketing Analyst
- Call Center Coordinator
- Accountant

Bring your resumé with picture to:

Ambergris Solutions
31/F Discovery Centre, 25 ADB Ave.
Ortigas Center, Pasig City

On September 9-11, 2002, Monday-Wednesday
between 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

A LEADING LAW FIRM INVITES APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITIONS OF:

SYSTEMS ANALYST

The Work

The Systems Analyst will have the responsibility of designing Windows/ browser-based applications as well as implementing and supporting in-house, outsourced or packaged applications systems of the Firm.

Qualifications:

- ➢ Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degree, or related courses
- ➢ At least 2 years systems analysis experience
- ➢ At least 1 year supervisory/project leadership experience
- ➢ Must have experience in implementing outsourced or packaged applications
- ➢ At least 3 years programming experience in MS Visual Basic/ MS SQL Server/ ASP Pages/ Scripting languages
- ➢ Familiar with CASE tools
- ➢ Knowledge in SQL database administration is preferred
- ➢ Accounting knowledge is a plus
- ➢ Excellent command of written and spoken English
- ➢ Good communication skills
- ➢ Able to learn and adapt quickly
- ➢ Must enjoy working with others in a team environment
- ➢ Able to work with people from other countries
- ➢ Willingness to travel on short notice
- ➢ Under 35 years of age and in good health

TELEPHONE OPERATOR/ RECEPTIONIST

- ➢ Female, not more than 30 years of age
- ➢ Attractive, with very good interpersonal skills
- ➢ College graduate
- ➢ Computer literate
- ➢ Disciplined, responsible, hardworking, systematic, and organized
- ➢ With excellent English communication skills
- ➢ Preferably with background in switch administration using Definity Audix System

Qualified applicants may submit their resumé (please indicate current salary), 2x2 picture, and other credentials to:

THE OFFICE MANAGER
11th Floor, Pacific Star Building
Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue corner Makati Avenue
Makati City

Sony Life

If you DON'T KNOW anything about life insurance... we want you to be our TRAINING MANAGER!

Facts about Sony Life
- ■ A prominent member company of **SONY**.
- ■ Flag-ship company of **SONY**'s financial group.
- ■ 20 years of success history in Japan.
- ■ Ranked #1 for 5 consecutive years in net increase in-force amt. in Japan.
- ■ TOP 10 in the world for more than 10 consecutive years in # of MDRT member.
- ■ Introduced the "tailor-fitted life insurance program."
- ■ Known for very rigorous selection process
- ■ One month of classroom training before allowed to sell.
- ■ Records 3 times as high as industry average in sales productivity.
- ■ Philippines operation started in 1999.

Qualifications
- ■ Graduate of a prominent college
- ■ Age 25-35
- ■ Good in mathematics
- ■ Good in problem solving analysis
- ■ Good in critical thinking approach
- ■ Preferably no experience in the insurance/ pre-need industry
- ■ Preferably good sales or training experience

How to apply
- ■ E-mail: hrd@sonylife.com.ph
- ■ Or, send resume at 819-1802
- ■ Or, contact James/Louise at 819-6001

Sony Life Philippines: PBCom Tower (35F) Ayala Avenue, corner Herrera St., Makati City

---

We want you as a new recruit!

Duty Free Philippines

is presently in need of the following...

DUTY FREE PHILIPPINES

CASHIERS

QUALIFICATIONS

Male or Female; 20-30 years old
Graduate of any 4-year course
Pleasing personality, alert and patient
5'3 for Female & 5'5 for Male

REQUIREMENTS

Printed Resume, 1 pc. 2x2 picture
Photocopy & Original of NBI Clearance (less than 1 year old),
Birth Certificate & Transcript of Records

LEGAL ASSISTANT

QUALIFICATIONS

Male / Female, not more than 35 years old
Law Graduate
With Background in Legal Investigation/Research
Fluent in English
Computer Literate

Applicants may apply personally at:

EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT
Ground Floor, EHA Building
Duty Free Fiestamall
Ninoy Aquino Ave., Parañaque City
(Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)

ALLTEL
INFORMATION SERVICES
Proven Solutions. Powerful Vision.

ALLTEL, the worldwide leader in providing the leading retail banking solutions to the financial industry, is a Fortune 500 company with offices in over 55 countries. Of the top 50 banks in the United States, 48 choose ALLTEL as their software and service solution partner. Throughout the world, we have over 800 institutional clients, with over 100 of these in the Asia-Pacific region.

To support our continued high growth in Asia, we are looking for a dynamic individual to fill the position of:

Quality Services Manager

You will be responsible for driving ALLTEL Asia Professional Services Group's Total Quality Initiative. This includes the development of strategies and programmes in alignment with the Group's business objectives, identification of the appropriate model/methodology, execution of the programme leading to certification, and maintenance of quality processes. Instituting and promoting a culture of total quality awareness within the Group are also essential parts of your role.

Requirements:
- Degree in Information Technology, Business or Engineering with minimum 5 years' relevant work experience
- CSQE, CQA, or certified ISO or CMM auditor
- Excellent hands-on and LEAD implementation experience with quality models such as ISO or CMM is a MUST
- Self-motivated and resourceful with strong leadership, interpersonal, communication, analytical, training and influencing skills
- Project management experience in an application development life cycle is an added advantage
- Proficient in Microsoft Office applications
- Open to extended travel within the region

Compensation package will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Well-qualified applicants are invited to send/email your detailed resume stating current and expected salary not later than 21 September 2002 to:

Human Resources Department
Alltel International Resource Management, Inc.
[illegible] Citibank Tower Valero Street Salcedo Village, Makati City, 1200, PHILIPPINES
Email: asia pacific hr@alltel.com Website: www.alltel[illegible].com
(We regret that only shortlisted candidates will be notified)

YOUR CONNECTION TO

BETTER PEOPLE,
BETTER JOBS.

JOBMarket ONLINE

Read it every Sunday with the Philippine Daily Inquirer and visit it online at www.jobmarketonline.com

---

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

The country's leading newspaper is looking for:

COPY EDITOR

- College graduate preferably major in Journalism or any Social Sciences
- 3 years experience in newspaper journalism
- 3 years experience in editing stories and designing/ layouting pages
- Familiar with editorial operations in a publishing industry
- Familiar with layout softwares
- Excellent in written English and Tagalog

Mail your application letter, comprehensive resumé to:

HR MANAGEMENT SERVICES HEAD
Philippine Daily Inquirer
Chino Roces Avenue (formerly Pasong Tamo)
Corner Yague and Mascardo Streets,
Makati City

E-mail: recruitment@inquirer.com.ph

JAVA TRAINER

An IT Development company is seeking to contract services of a Java Trainer for a fixed contract duration (two months). The desired Trainer should have training experience with a reputable training center and/or equivalent certifications. The trainer shall be expected to cover

Java 2 Development
Java Web Technologies and
J2EE

The applicant should have proper certifications as a Sun Certified Java Programmer and/or J2EE Architect.

Interested parties may send their comprehensive resumés, detailing experience and projects to:

c/o Querry Kho
1575 JP Laurel St., San Miguel, Manila 1005

Walk-in applicants shall not be entertained.

Upon review of your qualifications, the company shall forward a description of the expected course topics and outline that shall be covered in the training to be provided by the trainer.

Please include all contact informations in your resumé together with your email address

This is an urgent requirement.

Are you up for the challenge?

Global Sources leads the field in creating and facilitating global trade between buyers and suppliers. We provide worldwide trading partners with the right information, at the right time, in the right format.

Our winning team of 1,800 people worldwide is skilled, tech-savvy and thrives in a dynamic, cross-cultural environment. If this sounds like you, then we are currently looking for:

Project Officer

The position will assist in the maintenance, creation, and upgrade of our interactive media products and services, including our network of websites. You will conceptualize, write copy, manage projects, conduct research, control quality and analyze site traffic.

A relevant degree with at least two years work experience in web development, web writing, marketing, and/or project management is required. You must be an organized, motivated person, can work independently with an eye for detail and one whom a fast-paced environment would stimulate. Those who are proficient in Mandarin will have an advantage.

Training Coordinator

You will provide support to the delivery of e-Learning solutions developed by the training team through effective site administration and logistics management. A college degree preferably in Computer Science and Information System with at least one year of work experience in logistics and record-keeping is required.

A competitive remuneration package and a truly challenging, international and dynamic work environment await the right candidates. Interested parties should send their resume and contact details to any of the following:

Corporate Human Resources
online: career.globalsources.com
e-mail: gshr@globalsources.com
fax: (632) 892-4087
post: P.O. Box 4597, MCPO, Makati City

global sources
www.globalsources.com

G.K. CORPORATE FASHION (HK) LIMITED

We are an international manufacturing company in search for young and dynamic individuals to fill the following job vacancies:

SALES REPRESENTATIVES

CODE : SR-PH1

- Male or Female
- Degree holder from a reputable school
- Preferably with background in Sales
- Result oriented, aggressive, hard working and honest

SALES/MARKETING STAFF

CODE : MS-CN3

- Female; 22-26 years old; Single
- Degree holder from a reputable school
- Preferably with background in internet sales and marketing
- Strong command in written and spoken English
- Excellent correspondence skills
- Willing to be assigned in China

QUALITY CONTROL OFFICER

CODE : QC-CN1

- With firm background in Quality Control systems and procedures
- Has extensive knowledge in ISO, QA, BS & EN standards
- Has previously worked in a fabric testing laboratory
- Male or Female; preferably single
- Willing to travel or be assigned in China

Interested applicants should submit their comprehensive resumés with 2x2 photos in long brown envelopes **on or before September 11, 2002** at MFT International Showroom, Mezzanine Floor, 109 Gamboa Street, Legaspi Village, Makati or email to hr@gkfashion.com from **September 5, 2002** onwards.

Please indicate position and code at the back of the envelopes.

IMMEDIATE HIRING!

Lisondra Land Group of Companies in its expansion program needs the following competitive individuals to fill-up the different vacant positions:

❶ **MANAGEMENT TRAINEES**
Male/Female, 4 or 5 years college course graduates from exclusive schools like University of the Philippines, Ateneo de Manila University, De la Salle University, Miriam and St. Paul University.

❷ **MARKETING MANAGERS**

❸ **MARKETING DIRECTOR**

❹ **ACCOUNTING CLERK**
Computer literate

WE OFFER:

❶ MANAGEMENT TRAINEE - P12,000 monthly salary P4,000 monthly allowance plus bonuses and other fringe benefits.

Nos. ❷, ❸ and ❹ salary, negotiable, depending upon qualifications.

Those interested, please come in Business Attire with Bio-data and 2x2 picture on **September 9 and 10 ONLY** from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at 8th Floor, Richbelt Tower, Annapolis Street, Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila.

CELINE

We are a leading ladies shoes retailer in the country known for selling fashionable high quality shoes. Through the years our company has maintained elegance, style, and quality in our products and has recently ventured into selling garments as well. As part of our expansion into the garments market, we are cordially inviting:

LOCAL AND IMPORTED GARMENT SUPPLIERS

Applicants must be:

- up-to-date with the latest trends
- dynamic, innovative, creative
- able to maintain strict quality standards
- able to provide premium prices
- able to conform to technical requirements

Fresh and young candidates are always welcome

Please prepare:

- a letter of intent containing a short introduction of your company and your contact number
- a few garment samples

And send to or visit us at:

CELINE MARKETING CORPORATION
Suite 1801 The Centerpoint Building
Doña Julia Vargas cor. Garnet Road
Ortigas Center, Pasig City

Tel: 633-7691

Century Park Hotel
AN ANA HOTEL

Is in need of:

BANQUET SALES MANAGER

and

BANQUET MANAGER

- Female, not more than 34 years old
- College graduate preferably in Marketing, Business Management or Hotel and Restaurant Management
- At least four (4) years related work experience
- Personable, charming and aggressive
- Written and verbal facility is a must
- Personable and aggressive with good salesmanship
- Service-oriented, keen attention to fine details
- Knowledge of the hotel's facilities, layout and service standards
- Knowledge of food and beverage, proper service techniques, etiquette of entertaining small and large groups and function room decoration ability is a must

QUALIFIED CANDIDATES ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT PERSONALLY THEIR RESUMÉ WITH A RECENT 2X2 COLORED PHOTO AND CERTIFICATES IF ANY, AT:

CENTURY PARK HOTEL
599 Pablo Ocampo Sr. Street, 1004 Malate, Manila
P.O. Box 117, CPO 1099, Manila, Philippines
Tel. (632) 528-8888 • Fax (632) 528-1828
Internet: http://www.centurypark.com
Email: century@globe.com.ph

GARMENT MANUFACTURER IS LOOKING FOR HIGHLY QUALIFIED & EXPERIENCED:

A.) INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER

- Male or Female, below 35 years old
- BSIE graduate at least 5 years Extensive experience in garments manufacturing industry
- Knowledge in machine loading and garment costing
- Can relate to different kinds of people at all levels of the organization
- Highly analytical, passing the GSD licensure examination is an advantage

B.) HRD HEAD

- Female between 23-35 years old
- With at least 1-2 years experience in HRD Management
- Above average communication skills (must be fluent in English) and computer literate
- With good leadership skills (Should be a team player)

C.) HRD ASSISTANT/STAFF

- Female between 20-35 years old
- Computer literate
- With working experience

PLEASE APPLY AT NO. 17 WEST AVENUE, QUEZON CITY WITH RESUMÉ, 2x2 ID PICTURE, TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS & OTHER DOCS. DAILY: 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

Urgently Needed

COST ACCOUNTING CLERKS

- Male/Female
- Accounting Graduate
- At least 25 years of age, single
- Experienced in Cost Accounting of at least one year
- Computer Literate (Windows '98 - MS Office)
- Can work with less supervision

E-mail resumé to info@berde.com.ph or send it to Km. 17.8 West Service Road, SSH, Parañaque City

---

STORE SUPERVISOR

- Female, 22 to 26 yrs. old with pleasing personality, at least 5'2" in height
- graduate of any 4-year course, computer literate
- with good leadership and willing to work long hours and under pressure
- with experience in retail business
- willing to be assigned in any metro manila branches

GRAPHIC/ VISUAL MERCHANDISING ARTIST

- graduate of fine arts / advertising
- Proficient in computer graphics software (Adobe/ Corel/ QuarkXpress, etc...)
- 22 to 26yrs. old

FORKLIFT DRIVER

- With experience in forklift driving and operation
- at least high school level

ACCOUNTING CLERK

- BS accountancy graduate
- Female, 20 to 24 years old

Pls. send biodata or resume with picture to Chris Sports Plaza #18 Kamuning Road, Quezon City, Metro Manila. All resumés must be sent by **September 11, 2002.**

IMMEDIATE HIRING

PS BANK TOWER
Suite 2104, 21st Flr. PS Bank Tower
cor. Tindalo St., Sen. Gil Puyat, Makati City
(Beside Makati Post Office)

REQUIREMENTS:

☑ College graduates with at least 4-year course from reputable schools and universities
☑ At least 20-38 years of age
☑ Good command in English or Chinese Language
☑ Ready to undergo comprehensive company training & can work at once.

BENEFITS:

☑ **A STARTING PAY OF ABOVE AVERAGE INCOME**
☑ Company sponsored travels (here and abroad)
☑ Career growth with automatic promotion system

See us in your PROPER BUSINESS ATTIRE with 2 pcs. (2x2) ID pictures and your comprehensive resumé on SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 & 12, 2002 (Monday to Thursday) from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon; 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bring Identification Card and the clipping of this ad. (**Presently employed and enrolled need not apply**).

Comlan, Incorporated
TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM

COMLAN, INC. a leading importer, distributor and installer of high-tech telecommunication equipment are looking for young and talented individuals to join our workforce

SALES/TELEMARKETERS

Qualifications:
Male/Female
20-25 years old
College Graduate
Excellent Communication Skills
Basic Computer Knowledge
Supervisory experience is an advantage
Fresh graduates and OJT's are also welcome

STOCKS/PURCHASING OFFICER

Qualifications;
Female
College level or graduate
Experience is a must
Able to relate with other people
Willing to work under pressure

All qualified applicants are requested to submit their resumé in person w/ recent photo, telephone number & other credentials to:

Comlan, Inc.
5/F Enterprise bldg. 524 Q. Paredes St. Binondo, Manila
Tel. Nos. 241-0963 / 242-3118 / 242-4906 / 242-2520
E-mail: comlan@pacific.net.ph
From Mondays to Wednesdays (9am-12pm and 2pm-4pm only)

NEW YORK-BASED COMPANY

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS (U.S./Manila)

- Female, 24-29 years old
- Good command of the English language both oral and written
- Proficient in MS Office applications
- Preferably graduate of UP, Ateneo, La Salle — A.B. English, Journalism, Mass Com, Business, Economics
- Preferably with a valid U.S. visa

TELEMARKETERS FOR U.S. MARKETS

- Male/Female, 20 to 25 years old
- Excellent communication skills with engaging personality
- Willing to work shifts (night/day or weekends)
- Basic computer knowledge

Mail your resumé with picture at:

P.O. Box 892 Dasmariñas Village, Makati City
or fax to 729-0160

NIFCS

We are an International Freight Forwarding company and we need the following:

I. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
II. MARKETING ASSISTANT
III. ACCOUNTING CLERK

- ➢ Female preferably single
- ➢ College Graduate
- ➢ Computer literate
- ➢ For marketing Asst. preferably with experience in Freight Forwarding and Brokerage
- ➢ For Admin Asst. male or female
- ➢ Hardworking, systematic, fastlearner, can work with minimum supervision

Applicants may send their comprehensive resumé with recent 2x2 photo and contact numbers to:

The Executive Assistant
NONPAREIL INTERNATIONAL
FREIGHT AND CARGO SERVICES, INC.
960-964 San Andres St., Malate, Manila

AXIS COMPUTER, INCORPORATED

Suite-VII The Gallery Building
Amorsolo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City
Tel. 759-3055 • Fax 844-4383

CORPORATE SALES ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree in Business / Marketing or Computer Related courses
- At least 1 or more years of experience in product sales and sales management
- Must have excellent knowledge in product pricing, proposal making and selling skills
- Must have excellent communication and presentation skills
- Computer literate (proficient in applications like MS Office, Project, etc.)
- Professional appearance and presentation required

RETAIL SALES ASSISTANT

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree in Business / Marketing or Computer Related courses
- Must have excellent communication and presentation skills
- Computer literate (MS Office)
- Professional appearance and presentation required
- Experience is an advantage

We are a Predictive Maintenance Consulting firm in search of the following:

1. Engineers

Will be responsible for planning, organizing and implementing the technical documentation, establish System and Procedures, and Scope of Works.

Basic Qualifications include

- ✓ Computer literate
- ✓ Registered/Licensed Engineer
- ✓ 4years experience in Facility Maintenance and Operations

2. Cadet Engineers

Responsible in the conduct of research, collate, document and develop to Systems and Procedures or technical documentations.

Basic Qualifications include

- ✓ Computer literate
- ✓ Engineering graduate
- ✓ 1 year experience in Facility Maintenance and Operations

3. Mechanics

Responsible in the maintenance and repair of pumps, air handling units, cooling towers, compressors and other facility equipments.

Basic Qualifications include

- ✓ Trade School graduate in Mechanical Technology or related field
- ✓ 2 years experience in Facility Maintenance and Operations

A competitive remuneration package awaits the successful candidates. Please send your comprehensive resumé and 2x2 picture at:

6/F LV Locsin Bldg., Ayala Avenue
cor. Makati Avenue, Makati City

URGENTLY NEEDED!

PROJECT CONSULTANTS

The project entails the roll-out of a logistics system for a multinational firm with distributors located nationwide.

We prefer Industrial Engineers with 1 to 2 years exposure in logistics and finance, and familiar with data base management systems. Consultants must be willing to travel and be assigned in business districts in Luzon and Visayas.

Send resumé to **38 Montclair, Merville, Parañaque**, fax **822-0268**, or e-mail to **maucnslt@info.com.ph**

EASTERN DRAGON MARKETING

a leading importer and distributor of Hot & Cold Water Dispenser and Home Water Purifier is in need of

SALES EXECUTIVE

for immediate hiring

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Male/Female
- 20 years old and above
- With or without selling experience
- Good in written and oral communication
- Can work with minimal supervision
- Must have a high level of confidence and a great deal of passion for success and career growth
- Graduate of Marketing or any business course

COMPENSATION:
Basic Salary
Attractive commission per sale.

Interested applicants may submit their resumé, transcript of records with 2x2 photo (Monday to Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. only) at:

EASTERN DRAGON MARKETING
#5 Esperanza St., Don Pedro Village
Marulas, Valenzuela City
Tel. # 279-9935, 432-1424 Fax# 277-6140
or e-mail at: gtomktg@pacific.net.ph

Applicants needed for the position of:

Accounting Clerk

B.S. Accounting Graduate
Female, not more than 30 years old
with at least one (1) year minimum
work experience

Bookkeeper

Part time basis only
B.S. Accounting Graduate
with at least one (1) year minimum
work experience

Send resumé to:

432 Mayon St., Sta. Mesa Heights,
Quezon City 1114

AIRLINE BUSINESS INDUSTRY

An expanding Ground Handling firm engaged in the Airline Business Industry has excellent career prospects for:

CUSTOMER SERVICE AGENTS/INTERPRETER

- Male or Female, 20 to 25 years old
- At least 5'3" in height
- College Graduate
- Good moral character, presentable appearance
- Must be able to speak Mandarin and Cantonese
- Good in English both oral and written
- Service oriented, willing to learn new skills
- Smart and enthusiastic
- With high sense of responsibility
- Willing to work on shift schedule, weekends and holidays
- Computer literate
- With general salesmanship abilities
- With experience is an advantage

Please send your resumé with contact telephone number and ID picture to:

P.O. Box 7764
Domestic Airport Post Office
Domestic Road
Pasay City, Metro Manila

FOR IMMEDIATE HIRING

We are in urgent need of:

SALES SPECIALISTS

To handle MECHANICAL PACKINGS & GASKETS, ENGINEERING PLASTIC, and PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE CHEMICALS, PAINTS & COATINGS Products for our Metro Manila, Batangas, Quezon, Laguna, La Union, Bataan, Shipping & Fishing Industries, Power Plant and Government Accounts.

Applicant must be:

1. FEMALE, 21-35 years old
2. With good communication skills and pleasing personality
3. Hardworking, aggressive and determined to make a career in sales
4. Resident of the area
5. Preferably with experience to the products abovementioned
6. Preferably with engineering background
7. Knowledgeable in ENGG. PLASTIC to become future Manager

We offer fixed monthly salary, attractive commission scheme, transportation allowance, incentive and TRIP ABROAD.

Interested applicant may apply in person at:

Along F.P. FELIX AVENUE cor. JASMIN ST.
Cainta Greenpark Village
(Infront of Gate 2 Pasig Greenpark Village, Pasig City)
Tel. No./s: 645-3330; 645-6060; 645-3321

Please bring BIO-DATA with latest 2x2 picture, SSS E-1 or E-4, Clearance from last employer, if any.

---

387 NURSES – WANTED IN AUCKLAND REGION ONLY!!!
650+ MORE — NEW ZEALAND-WIDE!!!

NURSES---Ex-Saudi, Ex-OFW, Recent Graduates with a minimum of 1 year Post-Board Hospital Experience...

Let us help you WORK, LIVE & STUDY in NEW ZEALAND!!!

Also, **OTHER PROFESSIONALS** (Minimum Bachelor Degree Holder): especially-- IT PROFESSIONALS, FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS, ACCOUNTANTS, ENGINEERS (Aircraft, Industrial, Civil, Computer, Chemical, etc), AGRICULTURISTS, MONTESSORI/EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS, ESOL or ENGLISH for SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHERS, etc...

Ring us for Appointment: *(Important that you bring in with you your Curriculum Vitaé/ Resumé and photocopies of your credentials when you drop by our office.)*

Call on CHAT, NINA or MON

at

©CLASSIFIED NZ MIGRATION SERVICES
8021-B Honradez St., Brgy. Olympia, Makati City, Philippines
Tel # (+632) 890 9132 Tel/Fax# (+632) 890 9146
Email: classified_nz@yahoo.com

WE ARE NOT A RECRUITMENT AGENCY.

NISSAN NORTH EDSA BALINTAWAK

The country's most complete Nissan dealer is currently in need of

PROGRAMMER

QUALIFICATIONS:

- ➢ Male
- ➢ 21 to 28 years old
- ➢ A graduate of Computer Science, Computer Engineering or related course
- ➢ With good communication skills
- ➢ With at least 1 year programming experience using FoxPro for DOS/WINDOWS in a network environment.
- ➢ Must be knowledgeable on Windows 98/NT/2000 operating systems.
- ➢ With Knowledge in basic PC Installation and troubleshooting
- ➢ Knowledge in Visual Foxpro, Visual Basic and web programming is an advantage

Apply in person with resumé and 1x1 photo at
1174 EDSA BALINTAWAK, QUEZON CITY
Tel. Nos. 3305331 to 50 loc. 216

FOUNDATION FOR THE PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENT
Fostering Partnerships for the Environment

The Foundation for the Philippine Environment, an NGO National Environmental Fund, is looking for qualified staff for the position of

INFORMATION OFFICER

Position Summary:

The Information Officer is responsible for the operation of the management information system of FPE.

Minimum Qualifications and Experience:

1. College graduate preferably of Computer Science or other computer related courses with background or training/ exposure in Information Technology.
2. Three years work experience in project management, specifically in the areas of systems analysis, systems and network administration, computer software and hardware maintenance.

Please mail your application letter, bio-data, diploma and transcript of records with your SSS number and Tax Identification Number with latest 2x2 color photograph to:

The HRDA Manager
FOUNDATION FOR THE PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENT
77 Matahimik Street, Teacher's Village, Diliman, Quezon City

Applications must be received not later than 13 September 2002
Previous applicants need not apply.
We will respond to qualified applicants only.
No telephone inquiry will be entertained.

FOR IMMEDIATE HIRING

An importer and exclusive distributor of several tire and motor oil brand offers a competitive package to qualified applicants for the following position:

SALES OFFICER

Motor Oils Division

- 25 to 35 years old;
- Preferably with experience in selling consumer items;
- Honest and hardworking, with excellent communication skills;
- Must have valid driver's license.

APPLICANTS MUST SEND THEIR RESUMÉS WITH TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS WITH PICTURE TO:

TASCO, INC.

No. 70, 20th Avenue, Murphy, Quezon City
Phone Nos. 911-6207; 911-8891

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
JOBMarket ONLINE

VISIT US AT
www.jobmarketonline.com

Chan C. Bros., Inc.

2225 Tolentino Street, Pasay City 1300
Tel. Nos. 844-8441, 844-5138

is in need of:

MIS Manager

☑ Proficient in computer networking technologies and server administration (Windows NT and Unix platform)
☑ Must be able to speak fluently in Chinese Mandarin language
☑ Preferably with accounting knowledge and experience in ERP implementation in a manufacturing environment

Industrial Designer for Lighting Products

☑ Must be proficient in any 3D CAD and visualization software
☑ Preferably with experience in designing lighting fixtures

Project Salesman for Lighting Products

☑ Must have experience in industrial sales of lighting fixtures
☑ Know-how in lighting systems and photometrics

Electronics Technician

☑ Residing near Cavite-Imus
☑ At least 2 years experience

Interested applicants may call and send their resumé and complete credentials to Mr. Allen Chan at the above address or email at chanbros@info.com.ph

---

BIT WORLDWIDE PHILS., INC.
An international Freight Forwarding Company
Is now hiring

ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES

We are in need of competent and reliable people. Good pay with commissions and other fringe benefits.

Please submit Resumé and other qualifications to:

BIT Worldwide Phils., Inc.
Ground Floor, 808 XDE Building,
Villaver Compound,
Quirino Ave., Tambo, Parañaque City
Contact Person: JP Melgazo
CP# (0917) 8969278
Tel: 851-7858 Fax: 4729790
853-2075

---

2 WEEKS NAT'L GRAND JOB HIRING!!!

In cooperation of Employment Society of the Phils. (ESP) & Asia's Largest Corps.

GRADUATES OF: Any **MEDICAL** courses like PT, OT, RT, Nursing, Dentistry, MedTech, RadTech, Midwife, Psycho, etc.
Any **TECHNICAL** courses like IE, ECE, CE, EE, ME, Aero, Archi, ComEng, ComSci or any Computer related courses
Any **Business** courses like Commerce, HRM, Tourism, LLB, Foreign Service, Customs, Education, etc.
Male / Female, 19-55 years old, licensed or non-licensed

Fresh Graduates are welcome to apply!!!

50 Ex-OFW from Taiwan, Saudi, Middle East, Japan, Hongkong, US, etc. recently arrived (Sept. 2001-Aug. 2002) are welcome to apply.

All interested applicants may apply personally with comprehensive resumé, original credentials & 2x2 photo on Sept 9-20, 2002 at:

Office of the Director

Suite 003, Ground Flr., 235-C Mercan Bldg., EDSA EXTENSION, Pasay City
(Walking distance from MRT TAFT /LRT EDSA Station, beside Savers Square Mall,
Infront of GOLDLINE TRANSIT & ATIENZA'S BILLIARD, beside Allied Bank)

Look for: Mr. Alex M. - PTRP

(Note: Staple this ad to your resumé)

One Financial Group

is seeking qualified applicants for the following positions:

Sales Managers

This person should have significant experience managing a sales team, preferably in financial services, equities, insurance or real estate.

Sales Advisers

This person should have work experience in sales/marketing, preferably in financial services, equities, insurance or real estate.

Research Analyst

This person should have experience in fundamental analysis, corporate valuations and/or corporate finance.

One Financial Group

is a full-line, full-service, fully integrated financial services provider and advisory serving both Corporate and Personal Clients. A career at OFG is based on continuous learning with an emphasis on rigorous training. If you are up to the challenge, please send, e-mail or fax your resumé or c.v. to:

e-mail: careers@one.com.ph
phone: (63) 2 759-4205 fax: (63) 2 759-4211
address: Units 912-914, Ayala Triangle Tower I & Exchange Plaza, Ayala Avenue, Makati City

---

NEEDED FOR SECOND SEMESTER

CIVIC WELFARE TRAINING SERVICE TEACHER

Must be:

- A.B. Political Science or History major graduate;
- With 18 education units / LET passer an advantage;
- With knowledge in research and community organizing;
- Computer literate.

Submit credentials personally at:

NOTRE DAME OF GREATER MANILA
Madre Ignacia Avenue (formerly 12th Avenue)
Grace Park, Caloocan City
Tel. Nos.: 361-74-35 / 366-63-30

JOBZ this October!

Employment Expo 2002 at the Glorietta Activity Center

Be part of the biggest career recruitment event participated in by a swarm of over 100 of the country's leading corporations.

Join and become a sponsor of **'JOBZ-Employment Expo 2002'**, at the Glorietta Activity Center on October 1 to 3, 2002 and find qualified candidates to fill in vacant positions in your company.

Simply place a 60 col.cm. (minimum size) in the Sept. 29-issue of Job Market and enjoy the following:

- FREE Job Market online placement for five (5) categories;
- FREE Job Market copies for jobseeekers on the 3-day event;
- FREE access to our Resumé Reserve databank gathered during the event;
- Resumés gathered during the event intended for a particular advertiser will be forwarded as an added service to the said company.

Other Sponsorship packages are also available. For more details, please contact us at:

KALAW BRANCH
G/F Trinity bldg., TM Kalaw st.,
Ermita, Manila
527-3342/528-0183/527-6357
intra_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

MEGAMALL BRANCH
5/F SM Megamall bldg.,
Mandaluyong City
687-2366/637-2008/635-0219
sm_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

CUBAO BRANCH
St. Anthony's bldg., Aurora blvd., Q.C.
912-9008 to 11
cubao_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

HEAD OFFICE
Chino Roces Avenue cor. Yague &
Mascardo sts., Makati City
897-8808 loc. 514/516 / 897-8425
main_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

MAKATI-ATRIUM BRANCH
G/F Atrium bldg., Makati Avenue,
Makati City
811-4361/811-4165/
811-4012/811-4038
makati_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

PROVINCIAL BRANCH
Chino Roces Avenue cor. Yague &
Mascardo sts., Makati City
897-8808 loc. 243/899-4427
nabad@inquirer.com.ph

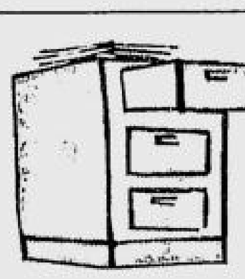
JOBMarket ONLINE
JOB MARKET
AYALA CENTER

If you're interesed to advertise and participate as sponsor of JOBZ, kindly fill out this form and fax it to the branch nearest you.

Company Name: ____________________
Address: ____________________
Telephone number/s: ____________________
Fax: ____________________
Contact Person ____________________

Drop your resumés NOW!

Visit any of the Inquirer Classified Ads branch and drop your resumés in our new



Resumé Box

We gather your resumés and forward them to companies with employment needs.

JOB MARKET

MAKATI (MAIN)
Pasong Tamo Avenue, cor Yague and Mascardo sts., Makati City
897-8808 loc. 514/516 / 897-8425Fax: 897-8425
main_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

MAKATI BRANCH
G/F Atrium bldg. Makati Avenue, Makati City
811-4361 / 811-4165 / 811-4012Fax: 892-5578
makati_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

MANILA
G/F Trinity bldg., T.M. Kalaw st., Ermita, Manila
527-3342 / 528-0183 / 527-6357Fax: 528-0213
intra_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

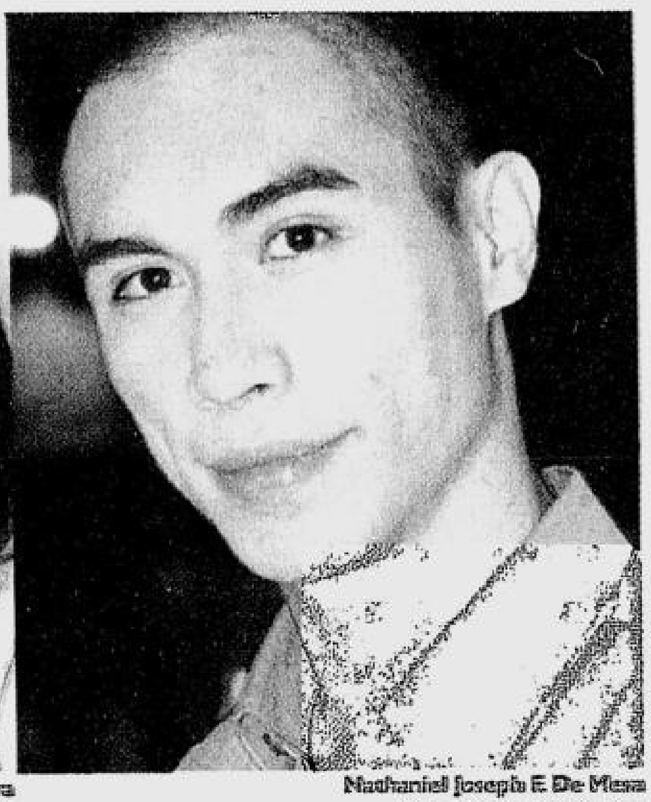
QUEZON CITY
St. Anthony's Bldg., Aurora blvd., Q.C.
912-9008 to 10 Fax: 912-0011
cubao_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

MANDALUYONG
SM Megamall, 5th level, Building B, EDSA
635-0219 / 687-2354 / 687-2366 Fax: 635-0220
sm_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

sunday INQUIRER magazine
GET TO KNOW SOME REAL PEOPLE
September 8, 2002

Roberto T. Añonuevo
Poetry in Filipino

Socorro Villanueva
Short story in English


Nathaniel Joseph F. De Mesa
One-act play in Filipino

The Lit Hit List

Winners of the 52nd Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature

Fresh faces and new voices flavor the biggest night in Philippine literature

Liza C. Magtoto
Full-length play in Filipino

By The SIM Staff
Photographs by Jim Guiao Punzalan

WHEN the winners of the 52nd Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature gathered at the Manila Peninsula's Rigodon Ballroom, the collective talent carried the wattage of a new power plant. Because this year, the most anticipated yearly event in the calendars of literary writers and readers alike in the country featured more new faces than ever—more first-time winners than returning titleholders.

Beyond that, it remains an evening of dreams and destiny. From the big first time win of fictionist Socorro Villanueva to the continued dominance of poet Roberto Añonuevo, the Palanca Awards night continues to be one loaded with its own compelling subplots and side stories. More than ever, the Palanca Awards prove that the passion and dedication to literature continues to burn brightly, an invitation to all to keep writing and keep dreaming.

THE SUNDAY INQUIRER MAGAZINE invites you to meet some of the distinguished winners from that great night—and experience some of their electrifying creativity.

Ruel S. De Vera

Paolo Manalo
Poetry in English

Vicente G. Groyon III
Novel in English

Marco A.V. Lopez
Short story in Filipino

Norman Wilwayco
Novel in Filipino

Palanca by the Numbers

Year the Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature started: **1950**
Number of Categories in 1950: **1 (Short Story in English and Filipino)**
Number of Categories in 2002: **23**
Total Number of Palanca Awards given since 1950: **1,551**
Total Prize Money Given in 2002: **P638,000**
Total Number of Judges in 2002: **69**
Total Number of Entries in 2002: **920**
Category with the Most Entries for 2002: **Short Story in English (113 entries)**
Category with the Least Number of Entries for 2002: **Full-length Play in Filipino (7 entries)**
Writer with the Most Palanca Awards ever: **Rene O. Villanueva (29 awards)**
Number of First-Time Winners in 2002: **32**
Number of Repeat Winners in 2002: **31**
Deadline for next year's Palanca Awards entries: **Midnight, April 30, 2003**

CONTENTS

Regulars

The Word *Correcting a Friend in Five Steps* **by Fr. Ruben J. Villote** 10
End Page *Childhood Roots of a Baguio Artist* **by Jonathan Best** 10
Pinoy Nga! *Dreadlocks* **by Jess Abrera** 11
Noteworthy *Good as Gold* 12

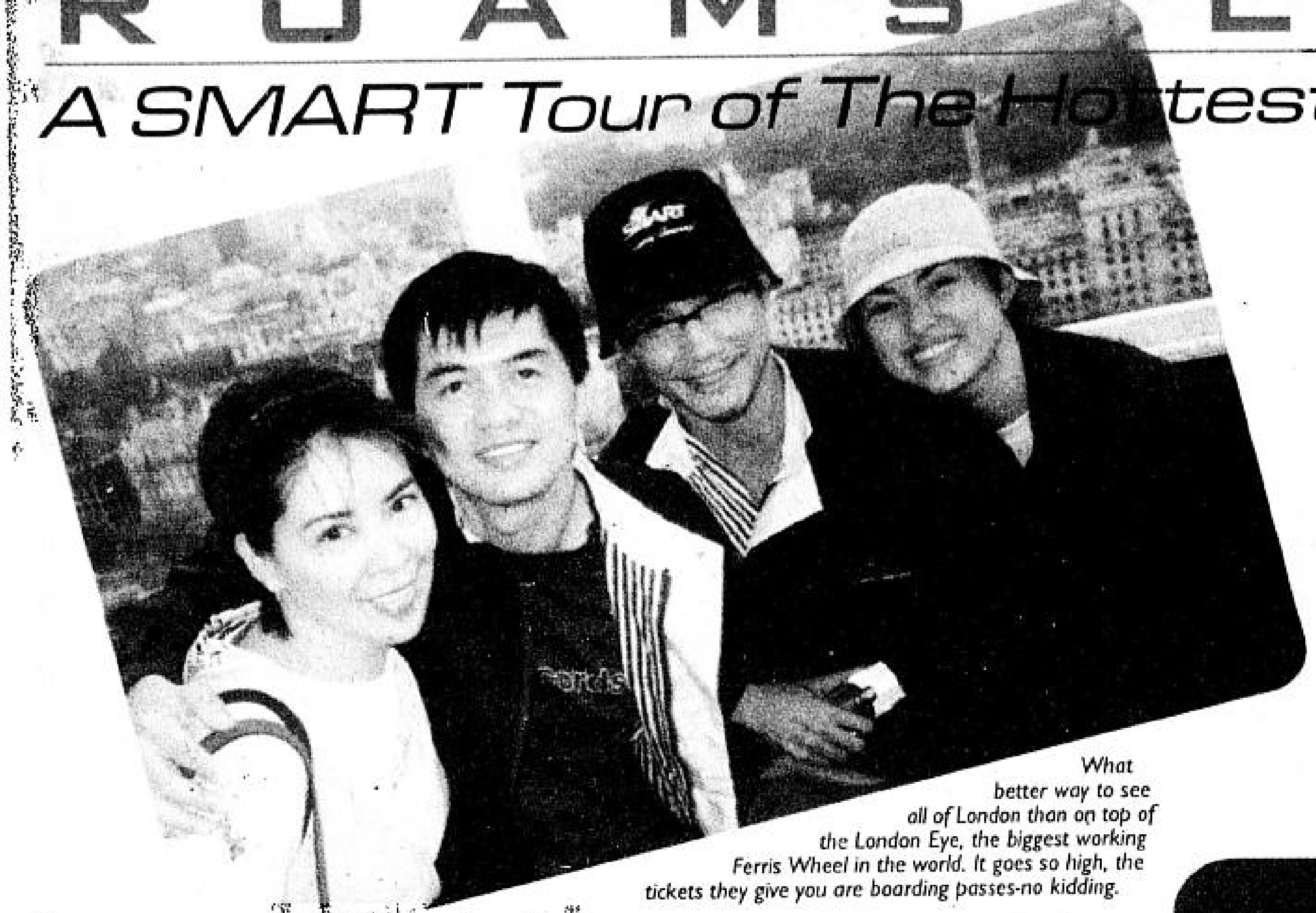
Features

Cover Story
The Lit Hit List ***by The SIM Staff*** 1
Fresh faces and new voices flavor the biggest night in Philippine literature

2002 Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature Complete List of Winners 11
Join in the applause as we go through the entire honor roll

BIG FISH ROAMS LONDON

A SMART Tour of The Hottest UK Dance Locations



What better way to see all of London than on top of the London Eye, the biggest working Ferris Wheel in the world. It goes so high, the tickets they give you are boarding passes-no kidding.

"If you're into Dance Music then you have to go to London," advises TC, Resident DJ of Big Fish. London and its suburbs after all are the birthplaces and brewing grounds for some, if not most of the ultimate DJ Organizations in the world. The names Ministry of Sound, Global Underground, Slinky, and Godskitchen are already familiar to the denizens of the local dance scene here in our country. You can add another name to that vaunted list: Cream, soon to explode this coming Halloween at NBC Tent at the Bonifacio Global City. It seems that London positively roils and boils with DJ talent. *Blimey*, if you're as serious with partying as BigFish is, an intercontinental fact-finding trip is not only recommended, its absolutely crucial.

And so very recently SMART sent our brave boys to foggy London Town, where apart from taking in the familiar sights of Big Ben, London Bridge and Carnaby Street where young Beatles once trod, BigFish's TC, Domini Primero, along with their better halves Bb. Pilipinas Joanne Quintas Primero and Pixie Cheah totally immersed themselves in one of the hottest spots in the world-ground Zero of the exploding dance phenomenon and right at the Queen's very own backyard.

The entire two-week trip was "mental" according to TC, Domini adds his own adjective, "wicked", but these words don't evoke the same gratification that their beaming faces do. Just the mere mention of the names they met are enough to rev the pulserates of Manila ravers: DJ Tiesto, Timo Maas, Paul Oakenfold, and the king himself, Sasha. But that's just for starters. "Our first stop was Slinky a venue just a car ride away from London on the Southwest coast in a town called Bournemouth," Domini tells us, "the place was...unbelievable, it was in an old Opera Theatre aptly called Opera House, with 3-4 thousand people. TC played a set on the DJ DeathMatch with DJ's Gary White (Slinky), Dean Wilson(Golden), and JFK(Passion)!" This was not your typical sleepy English coastal town, at least not for that day.

Ultimately though, they were there for Creamfields at the Old Liverpool Airport, the undisputed dance event in the English calendar. And so back to London they went, still in a buzz. "It was purely amazing, there were fifteen large tents, all with separate DJs on a real fairground with real rides," TC recounts, his excitement is hard to contain. The mega bash lasted from 2pm to 6am with 50,000 people moving to the tracks of such DJ biggies as Deep Dish, Pete Tong, Seb Fontaine, and Paul Van Dyk.

All the while BigFish needed to keep in touch with us local club fans and loved ones back here in Manila. They didn't forget to keep us in mind; they were on this trip as Manila's eager and willing point men in an expedition to the forefront of the global dance movement. Armed with the latest SMART technology, most thankfully SMART's ROAMing feature, they were able to keep us informed on the latest developments as well as find each other in case they got lost. This is not a hard thing to do in a new exciting city, or a pumping party with 50,000 + dance groupies.

And so take a vicarious London journey courtesy of BigFish's photo journal and get ready yourselves when SMART sends them on their next mission: we catch our breaths and await as Manila welcomes Cream on an inspired tour this October 31st. Yeah, ol' Halloween,baby, yeah!

We don't know who this guy is, but he was so lit up and we just had to show you the typical crowd at Creamfields.

We're so happy for the great stuff-thanks SMART!

Dom and Joanne secure a shopping pass and a key to the city with SMART Money.

TC and Pixie do the London Club Circuit. And what a circuit! Peach, Pacha, Underworld, Faithless,Slinky, oh it just gets better.

Sancho Panza take Dom and TC to his favorite London site-Notting Hill Carnival. Any sign of Julia?

Resident Blonde Bombshells just love Resident DJs

Now We're Talkin- TC and Dom have got Creamfields Artiste Passes on their wrists, and their ready to toast water bottles with some DJ heavies.

Corporate Shmoozing- with James Barton, CEO of Cream

Shouting the chill away with Timo Maas

At the Creamfields VIP Tent. Bigfish in a sandwhich with Paul Hugo of GodsKitchen.

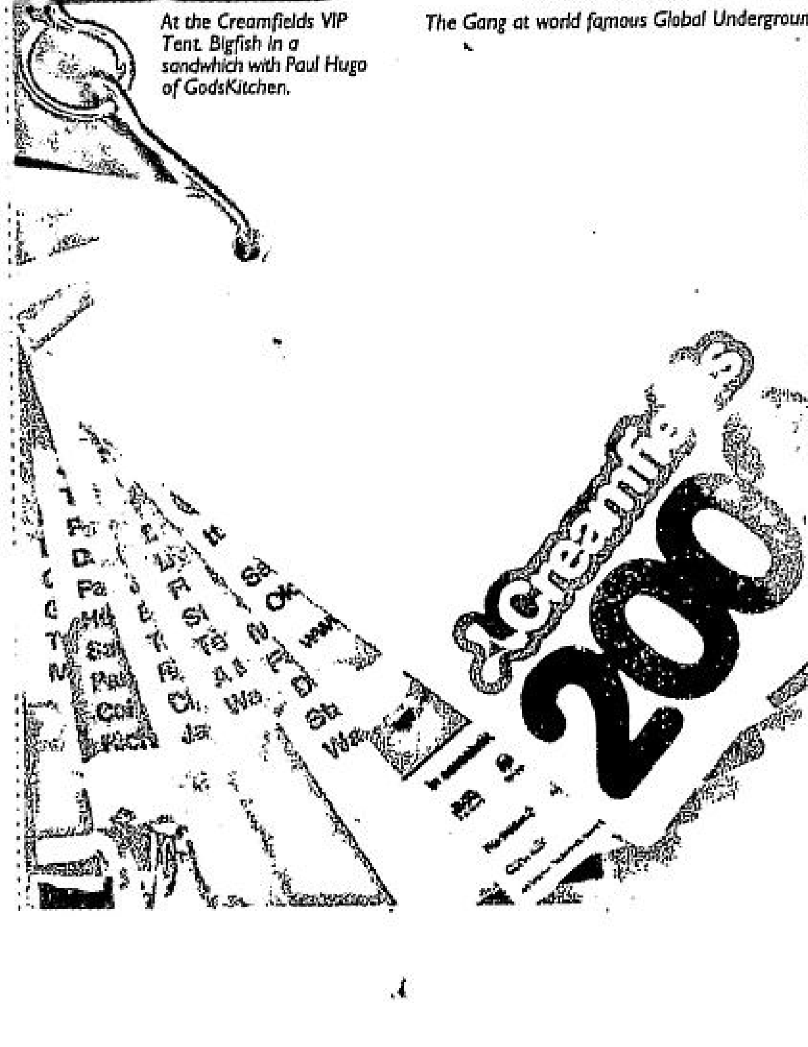
The Gang at world famous Global Underground

Bow your heads, Bigfish gets an enviable group hug from the best DJ in the World, Sasha.

Nice huddle with Graham Gold of Peach and Kate Valentine of Ministry of Sound

Just Landed- Domini and DJ whip out their latest SMARTs to access info on the ins and outs of legendary swingin London.

And the Prince-in-Waiting himself Paul Oakenfold



DJ Tiesto- Dom's about to hand him a ton of SMART stuff.

Hey man, that's Ferry Corsten!

A political powwow with the Ministry of Sound

Paolo Manalo

The Jolographer Cometh

PAOLO Manalo has just gone through an experience other writers can only dream about. The 29-year-old literary editor of the Philippines Free Press and creative writing instructor at the University of the Philippines joined one of the Palanca's most competitive categories—Poetry in English—and won the very first time he joined. "It was really a big surprise and I think it's a good sign that the judges are very receptive to playing with the language and the lyric of contemporary English," he smiles.

The youthful Paolo says that the theme of *ka-jologan* came about by accident. "I showed it to Anthony Serrano at UP's Creative Writing Center and he said I should submit it to the Palancas. I thought nothing would come of it but I did it anyway." Paolo has put a lot of thought into this word-wise set of poems. "The collection forms part of my thesis for an MA in Creative Writing. The actual writing took one year. My studies with Carolyn Forche and Lucie Brock-Broido in the New York State Summer Writers Institute last year helped a lot in giving 'Jolography' its present form," Paolo explains.

Ruel S. De Vera

Excerpt

From **"Jolography"**
By Paolo Manalo
First Prize, Poetry in English

Jolography

O, how dead you child are, whose spoiled
Sportedness is being fashion showed

Beautifuling as we speak—in Cubao
There is that same look: Your Crossing Ibabaw,

Your Nepa Cute, Wednesdays
Baclaran, "Please pass. Kindly ride on."

Tonight will be us tomorrowed—
Lovers of the Happy Meal and its H,

Who dream of the importedness of sex as long as it's
Pirated and under a hundred, who can smell

A Pasig Raver in a dance club. O, the toilet
Won't flush, but we are moved, doing the gerby

In a plastic bag; we want to feel the grooves
Of the records, we want to hear some scratch—

In a breakaway movement, we're the shake
To the motive of pockets, to the max.

The change is all in the first jeep
Of the morning's route. Rerouting

This city and its heart attacks; one minute faster
Than four o'clock, and the next

Wave that stands out in the outdoor crowd
hanging with a bunch of yo-yos—

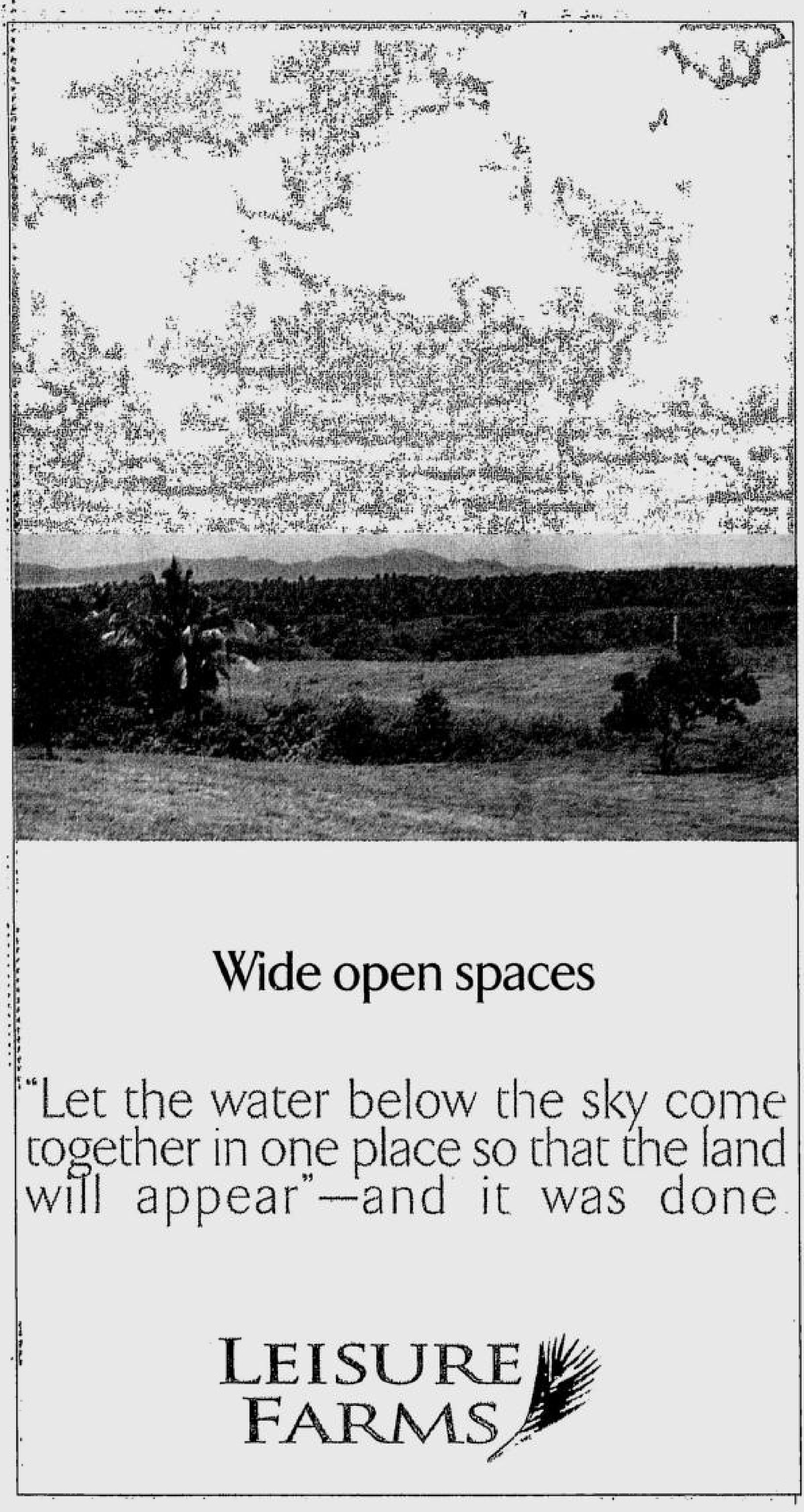
A face with an inverted cap on, wearing all
Smiles the smell of foot stuck between the teeth.

Sunday Inquirer Magazine September 8, 2002
Vol. 15 No. 27 ISSN 0116 - 232X

Editor in Chief **Alya B. Honasan**
Managing Editor **Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz**
Associate Editor **Ruel S. De Vera**
Staff Writer **Eric S. Caruncho**
Graphic Designer **Chuchie Quevedo-See**
Design Consultant **Lynett A. Villariba**
Editorial Assistant **Sharon M. Felipe**
Advertising & Sales Manager **Kenny Nuyda**

THE Sunday INQUIRER MAGAZINE holds office at Chino Roces Ave. (formerly Pasong Tamo) corner Yague and Mascardo Sts., Makati City, with telephone number 897-8808 locals 317 and 318. Mailing address: PO Box 2050, 1099 Manila, Philippines. E-mail: sim@inquirer. com.ph

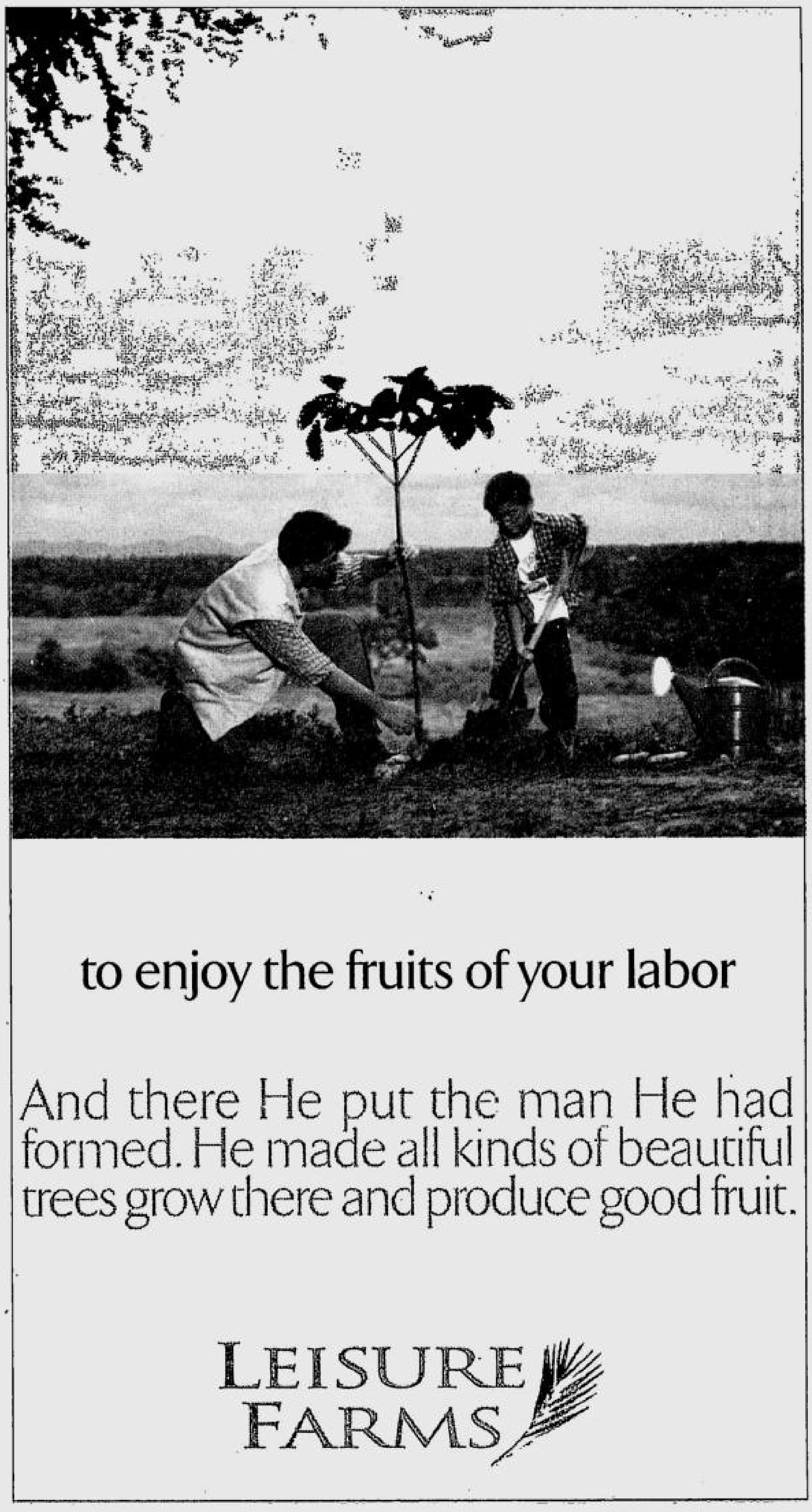
Festive Foods Galore is a two-day bazaar on Sept. 12 and 13 at the PSE Auditorium of the Tektite Tower. Chocolate Club (products shown above) will be among the food vendors participating in the event. Bargain hunters will also find fashion wear, accessories, shoes, bags, cosmetics and home decor at low prices. For details, call Global Planners Inc. at 637-5966.



Wide open spaces

"Let the water below the sky come together in one place so that the land will appear"—and it was done

LEISURE FARMS



to enjoy the fruits of your labor

And there He put the man He had formed. He made all kinds of beautiful trees grow there and produce good fruit.

LEISURE FARMS

Roberto T. Añonuevo

His Sixth Sense

HIS might just be the best batting average in Palanca history. Last year, Roberto "Bobby" Añonuevo already had five Palanca Awards—all of them first prizes. He also happened to be the youngest writer enshrined in the Palanca Hall of Fame. What does the author of two books and freelance editor do for an encore? Win his sixth first prize this year, of course.

This University of Santo Tomas alumnus' newest award-winning collection, "Estalon at Ibang Pang Simoy ng Bait" displays the kind of searing, meticulous poetic observation that Bobby has become known for, among the best in the business, in other words.

To hear the intense, perfectionist Bobby say it, he truly enjoyed crafting this year's entry. "*Nagawa ko na dito ang gusto ko, hindi na ako kailangang magpasikat, magpasirko. Hindi ko inintindi kung mananalo ako,*" Bobby explains. "*Pinakinggan ko lang ang nasa loob ko.* (I got to do what I really wanted. I didn't need to do acrobatics or show off. I didn't worry about winning; I just listened to what was inside me.)"

Ruel S. De Vera

Excerpt

From **"Estalon at Iba Pang Simoy ng Bait"**
By Roberto T. Añonuevo
First Prize, Poetry in Filipino

Estalon

Sumisipa sa kanilang mga puso ang alaala
ni FAIR AND SQUARE, at hinihikayat silang lumantad
na humahagibis palabas sa ruweda ng salapi.

Taimtim nilang isinabuhay ang lupa't hangin,
at may pambihirang kabayo ang nagsasakay
sa kanila sa lansangang mekanikal at bastardo.

Masasalubong nila si Cesar Mamon na nakangiti,
at wari bang hinahamon silang sumailalim
sa disiplina ng kalikasan, sa batas ng paligsahan.

Di maglalaon at aangil ang gaya ni FAIR SEA
upang ipagunita ang paglingon sa pinag-ugatan:
na ang hinete at ang kutsero ay tumatangkad

dahil nakaupo sila sa likod ng maliliksing mola.
(Minamahal ba nila ang kanilang iniidolo
dahil hindi sila makatakbo palayo sa sarili?)

Hahangarin nila ang pagkakamit ng tatlong
korona, at sabay-sabay maglalakbay na mga hari
sa arkipelago ng hininga, sugal, katanyagan, bait.

Maghihiyawan silang may liyab ng pananabik,
makikipaglaban sa gitna ng kawalang-abuhin;
ngunit gaya ng ibang nilukuban ng mga uban

ay madaranas nila ang pangingirot ng tuhod,
durupok ang kanilang mga gulugod at singit
hanggang mabulag sila sa pagkain ng alabok.

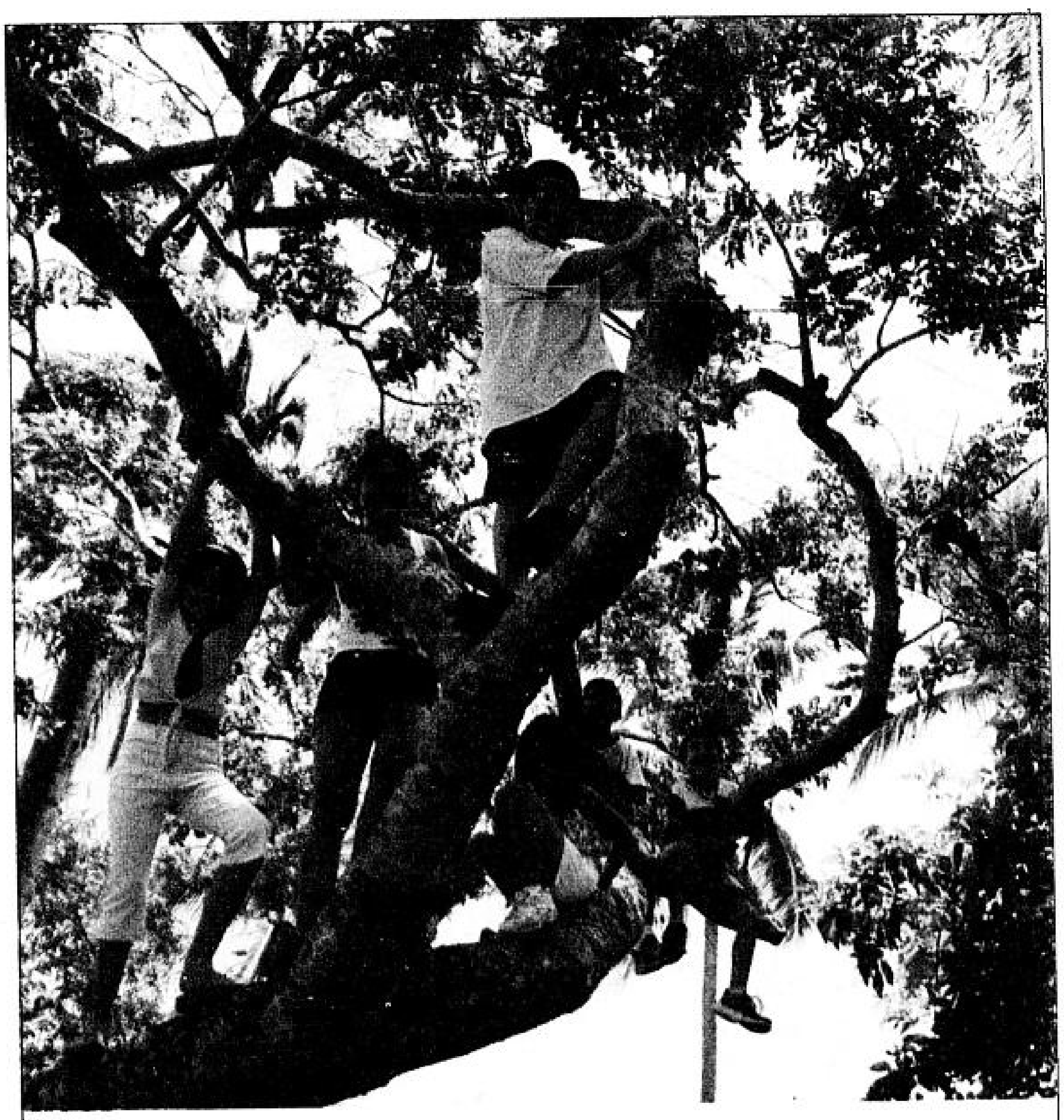
Gumagapang sa kanilang mga laman at ugat
ang dugo ng pambihira't dakilang estalon;
at ngayon, umuungol sila't sumisikad-sikad

upang habulin ang panahon o tapusin ang karera.
May mga numero ang kanilang mga dila't salita,
at naihahakang karga ni Santa Ana ang mga dukha.

to raise crops, flowers....

Then He commanded. "Let the earth produce all kinds of plants, those that bear grain and those that bear fruit." And it was done.

LEISURE FARMS



...and children

He created them male and female, blessed them, and said, "Have many children, so that your descendants will live all over the earth and bring it under their control."

LEISURE FARMS

Socorro Villanueva

Back to Her Future

"I'VE been wanting to write ever since I was a kid, but I wasn't brave enough to go there," says Socorro "Migs" Villanueva, 41, this year's first prize winner for short fiction in English. Instead, she yielded to parental pressures and took up psychology. But the need to express herself in words never left, and Villanueva recently found herself returning to school, this time for a master's degree in Creative Writing at the University of the Philippines.

"Now I tell myself there's nothing else I want to do," she says.

Written as a course requirement, "We Won't Cry About This," her winning entry, revolves around two young daughters and their terminally ill mother. "I was experimenting with voice and with characterization," says the author. "What could be going on in the mind of an 18-year-old girl who's about to lose her mother? How would a teenager cope with that?"

The result moved many of the writer's friends to tears, provoked concern from family members about the "depressing stuff" she was writing about, and prompted the Palanca judges to give her first prize. All those years studying psychology paid off, after all.

Eric S. Caruncho

Excerpt

From **"We Won't Cry About This"**
By Socorro A. Villanueva
First Prize, Short Story in English

She stays in bed with Ralph Waldo Emerson all weekend, his book close to her breast, like a lover. And she has conversations with this man, dead a century, because, she says, his words are alive for talking-to and true, and she likes truth and true men, whatever she means by that. She takes to books because she doesn't have a man otherwise is what I think. She dated for a while—Roque, this longhaired commercial director who was like eight years her junior. But now he's gone, thank God. Lately she talks to books and is outrageously lazy. She has her recent favorites, like Thoreau and the Buddhist, Thich Nhat Hanh, and Gary Zukav, the soul geek. The bible, even. But she and Emerson, woooh, they're tight.

"You have a problem with that?" she asks me without looking up from the page. She looks pale.

"I think, Ma, you're going psycho," I say, and she laughs, says she suspects she was born nuts and may have passed it on to me along with her nose and skin color.

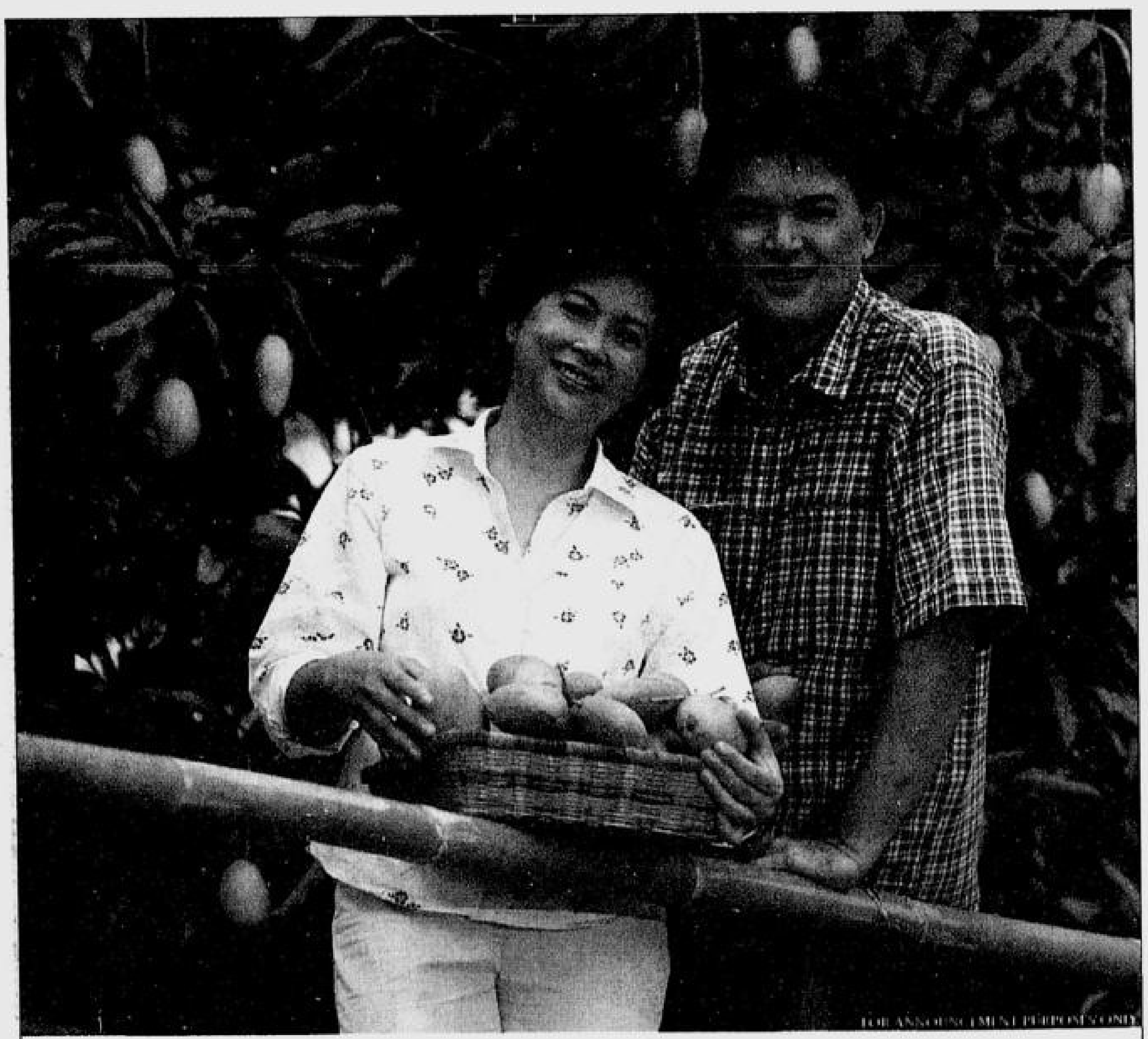
"It's child abuse, what you do. Raising us crazy by example," I say.

Her room is a mess. Sheets are falling off the sides of her bed and an altar of bottles stands on her night table—coke, water, wine—like the holy trinity. The whole room is gloomy with the curtains drawn and the walls dim into hepatitis-yellow. Books, books, books.

"Hey!" she says. "Who says I'm raising who here? I'm just reading a book, for Christ's sake!"

My sister, her name is Squeak, marks her page on "The Celestine Prophecy" (also from Moth-

To page 11



FOR ANNOUNCEMENT PURPOSES ONLY

to find yourself again.

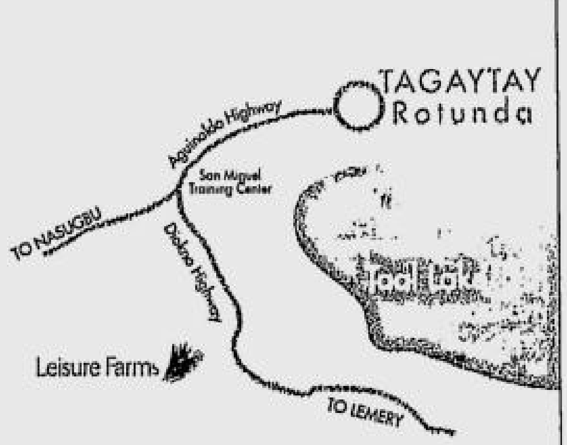
And it was good.

HARVEST THE FULLNESS OF LIFE.

LEISURE FARMS

A SECOND HOME
FOR THE WEEKEND FARMER

Landowner & Developer
LANDCO PACIFIC CORPORATION
Telephone Nos. 809.3618 loc. 123, 126
Telefax 809.5628
website: www.landcopacific.com
email: leisurefarms@landcopacific.com



*ALL PHOTOS TAKEN AT LEISURE FARMS SITE

Landco's Leisure Farms: Hassle-Free Farming

Everybody wants to be a farmer these days, to enjoy tilling the soil, watering crops, picking fruits amidst the bounty and glory of the surroundings, or even just walking around, breathing the freshness and beholding the wonder of everything. An attractive escape from hectic workdays in the city, for city workers, farming is almost something of leisure.

That's the concept behind Leisure Farms Tagaytay. The first hobby farming community in the country, it is a 116-hectare agro-tourism development designed primarily for weekend farmers. The weekend farmer? He is usually working during the week in the city, and on weekends goes off to the farm to relax, with his family friends, and enjoys the fresh, peaceful experience of nature.

But how does he manage his farm? Taking care of the farm details? The crop mix, layout, supplies, and schedules? Is a lot of work. That's what one of Leisure Farms' main features, Hassle-Free Farming, takes care of. Leisure Farms' Farm Management Services helps the gentleman farmer start and maintain his farm without the hassle, thus enabling him to enjoy the bounty of the farm to its fullest.

The Farm Management Services covers the daily management and maintenance of farm lots, careful monitoring of farms, and effective management of agricultural resources and technology, with such features as Contract Growing, the Supply Depot, Technical Support, and access to the Demo Farms.

Contract Growing takes care of the daily farm operations by tapping the services of a cooperative that will provide skilled labor to tend the farm. This arrangement minimizes risk, and increases yield for the farm owner, while also providing employment for people in the surrounding communities.

Leisure Farms will have its own supply depot, where basic necessities for farming can be found. Things like gardening tools, seedlings, pots, fish nets for green house farming, organic compost fertilizers, tractors, everything the weekend farmer needs to maintain his farm.

As farming can be very technical and tricky, Technical Support is offered through a pool of farm experts who will be available to provide advice and assistance regarding farming concerns, such as laying-out the farm lot and formulating the crop mix.

And lastly, the Demo Farms is a model farm where farm owners can observe agricultural management and modern farming techniques, and learn new, safe, organic methods, and other new technologies and skills.

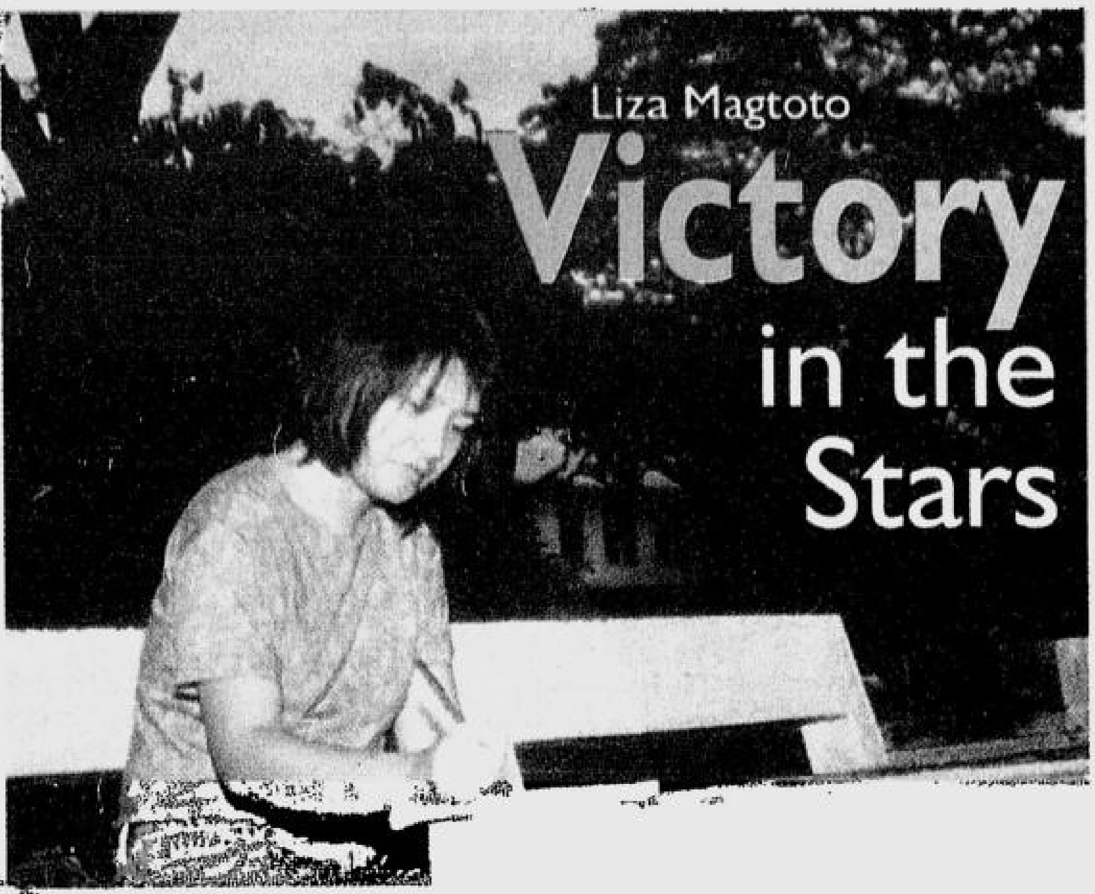
At Leisure Farms the weekend farmer gets the best in agriculture without the hassle, and thus, the luxury to enjoy farming as a hobby, to re-discover and enjoy the bounty of nature, to use one's hands, to touch, breath, and feel nature, a deeper, more fulfilling taste of life.

Leisure Farms is a residential farming community located in Metro Tagaytay, with rolling terrain of virgin soil divided into 1000-1500 square meter farm lots. Farmers enjoy cool weather and a spectacular view of Mt. Batulao and Balayan Bay. This is another quality development by Landco Pacific Corporation. For more information, please call 807-8754 loc. 375 and look for Mylene B. Mendoza.

(ADVT.)

Liza Magtoto

Victory in the Stars



FOR Liza Magtoto, astrology provides a convenient explanation of life's mysterious turns and even one's morbid moods. "It was just for fun, but I also thought of how some people's lives are ruled by stars that may be long dead for all we know," says this freelance scriptwriter, occasional publication designer and member of the Philippine Educational Theater Association (PETA).

The obsession to know what lies ahead she has learned to balance with a certain level of "*agnoia*," the Greek term for the "state of not knowing," Magtoto adds of her winning full-length play's strange title.

She has obsessed as well about being a writer, having been an early fan of Jo March from Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women." From college publications and children's TV shows to film and video docus and telesines, Magtoto has tried them all, handily winning awards for some of them. "*Despedida de Soltera*" won second in the Palanca in 1999 for full-length play in Pilipino, while "*Ang Relikaryo*" won the Star Awards for best telesine in 1997.

Easily the most memorable plays she's written are the "*Tumawag kay* Libby Manaoag" "because of its reach and impact on men and women in the communities," and "*Despedida de Soltera,*" which she describes as a chance to finally write in her own voice "and express my exasperation over people who can't seem to get the concept of one choosing to be a single woman, not an old maid."

Magtoto is currently in Japan for a fellowship grant. She is also doing a Japan-Asean collaboration project that will tour six major cities in Asia in 2003.

Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

Excerpt

From "Agnoia"

By Liza C. Magtoto

First Prize, Full-length Play in Filipino

Magliliwanag sa isang bahagi ng entablado kung saan naroroon si CANCER. Magtitirik siya ng kandila at maglalagay ng bulaklak sa isang puntod. Nasa sementeryo siya. May iba pang mga bulaklak doon. Kinakausap niya ang puntod ng kanyang yumaong asawa.

CANCER: Ano nga ba ang puwede kong gawin sa sarili ko? Sana masagot mo ako. Kilalang-kilala mo na ako eh. Alam na alam mo ang sasabihin mo sa akin.

Basa ako nang basa ng mga libro at magasin sa bahay... May nabasa ako na the body remembers. Halimbawa kapag may naamoy kang masangsang na pabango, at na-allergy ka rito, parang bangko daw yung cells ng katawan mo...naiimbak doon yung alaala ng amoy na yun. Kaya pag naamoy mo uli yun, maaalala niyang hindi mo kasundo ang pabangong 'yun.

Masyadong nasanay yung cells ng katawan ko sa amoy ng unan mo.

Di ba sabi ko sa iyo bago ka "nawala," na nasa puso pa rin kita kahit anong mangyari. Hindi lang pala sa puso. . kahit sa ilong.

Gusto kitang makasama sa paglalakad at pamamasyal. Minsan nararamdaman ko.. parang kasama pa rin nga kita.

Hay, nakakainis ka. Bakit ka nauna? Di ba lagi tayong sabay?

Ilang beses ko nang pinagdarasal na makasama kita kahit man lang sa panaginip. Napanaginipan nga kita. May salamin sa pagitan nating dalawa. Yun pala, na-trap ako sa isang crystal ball. Ikaw, nasa labas ng crystal ball. Nakakainis. Nakasama nga kita sa panaginip, nasa labas ka naman ng crystal ball. Ano kaya ang ibig sabihin nuon?

Aayusin niya ang iba pang mga bulaklak sa puntod.

Dumalaw na pala ang mga anak mo. Mabuti naman. Naalala nila ang anniversary natin.

Maglalabas si Cancer ng isang tupperware. Maglalagay siya ng dalawang plato. Lalagyan niya ng pagkain ang dalawang plato.

Himay na 'yan. Rellenong bangus.

Kakain siya.

Dadaan si LEO. Mamumukhaan niya si Cancer.

LEO: Kumusta na kayo?

CANCER: Uy! Halika, kain tayo!

Mapapatingin si Leo sa puntod.

LEO: Siya ho ang...

Tatango si Cancer.

LEO: Condolence ho.

CANCER: Eh, kainin mo na ito. Tutal, hindi na niya makakain ito.

LEO: Naku, huwag na ho.

CANCER: Ang liit ng mundo, ano? Akalain mong magkikita tayo rito. May dinalaw ka ba?

LEO: Yung puntod ng misis ko.

CANCER: Sorry...

LEO: Matagal na siyang... Dumalaw lang ako. Huminngi ako ng enlightenment.

CANCER: Nabigyan ka ba?

Matatawa sila.

CANCER: Halika nga't kwentuhan mo ako.

LEO: Ano naman ho ang ikukwento ko?

CANCER: Ewan ko... Bakit ka humihingi ng sign?

LEO: Enlightenment ho. Hindi... nalilito lang ho ako tungkol sa isang bagay.

CANCER: Pag-ibig? Eh bakit sa asawa mo? Hindi ba malinsulto 'yun?

Matatawa sila nang kaunti.

LEO: Nakakatawa. Humihingi ako ng tulong sa patay.

CANCER: Ganoon talaga. Naguguluhan ka, nalilito, hihingi ka ng payo sa kanila. May nabasa nga ako na yung mga bituin na yan sa langit, eh baka patay na rin ang karamihan diyan. Pero humihingi pa rin tayo ng kasagutan mula sa kanila kahit patay na sila.

LEO: Gusto pa rin nating mag-intervene ang mga patay.

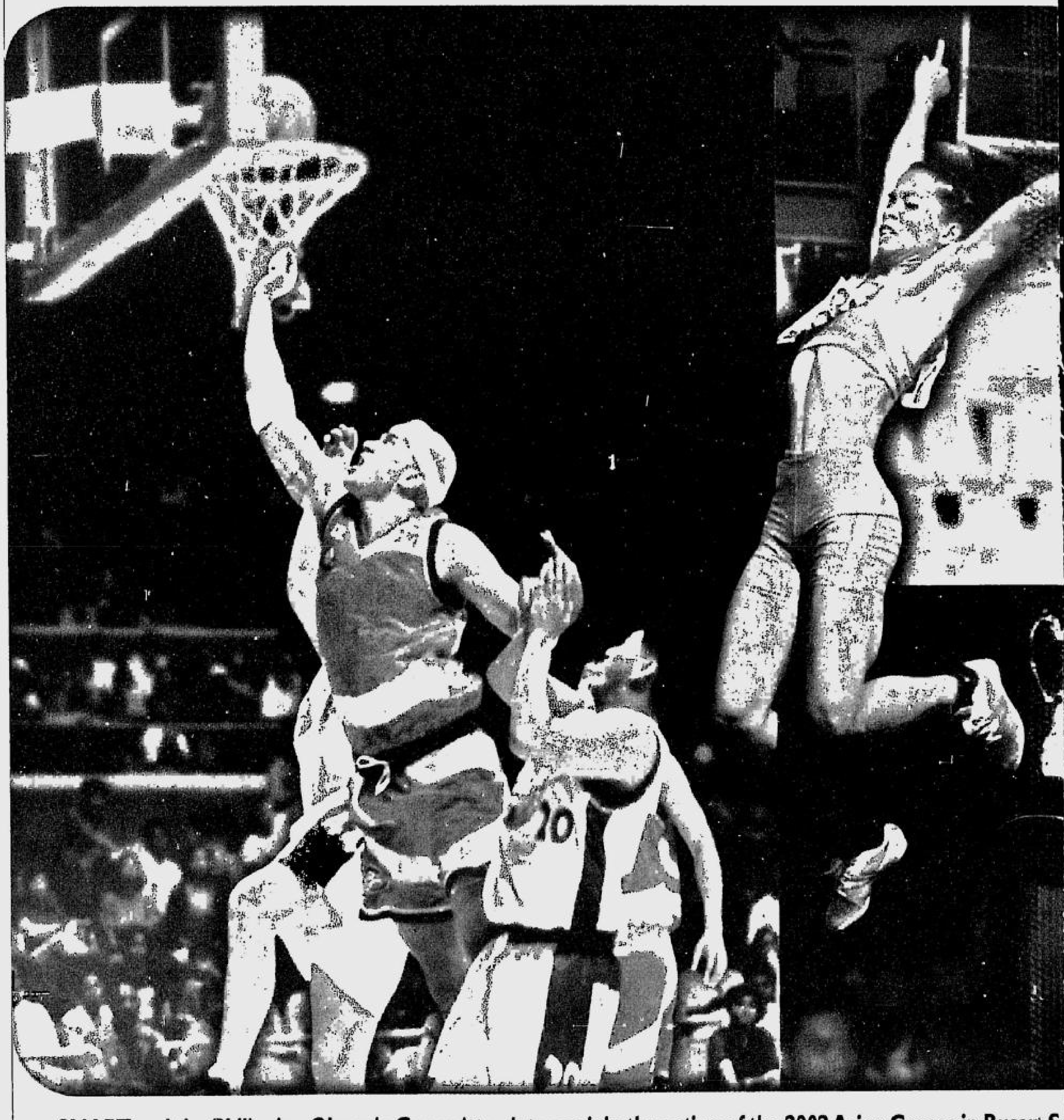
LEO: Baka dahil at least sila alam na nila ang kapalaran nila.

Matatawa sila.

CANCER: Nasa labas na sila ng bolang kristal.

Mapapatango si Leo pero mukhang magtataka siya kung bakit siya tumango.

Simply for victory



SMART and the Philippine Olympic Committee lets you join the action of the 2002 Asian Games in Busan,

PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

THE ASIAN GAMES TRIVIA

Fantastic Samsung TV sets, VCD and DVD players, microwave ovens, refrigerators, R220 celfones or Adidas sports watches to be given away everyday! Plus a chance at winning a brand new Samsung T-100 colored celfone! Once you register, all you have to do is correctly answer the Asian Games trivia questions we send you. Correct answers entitle you to raffle entries depending on the category of questions:

Easy: 5 Raffle entries • Medium: 10 Raffle entries • Difficult: 20 Raffle entries

And the more raffle entries you earn, the more chances of winning! So join now!

HOW TO JOIN:

Key in JOIN <name>

Send to 291

The Asian Games Trivia begins on September 1 and ends on October 31, 2002!

SAMSUNG adidas FOREVER SPORT Powered by

CANCER: Sabi nga dati ng mister ko noon, "There are only three things certain in this world - death, taxes, and…". Ano nga ba 'yung isa?

LEO: …pollution?

CANCER: Hindi!

LEO: Utang? Almuranas?

Magbibigay ng isa o dalawa pang sagot si Leo, pati na rin si Cancer, at matatawa sila.

CANCER: Noong namatay na ang asawa ko, gustong-gusto kong ibalik ang oras…

LEO: Gusto n'yong sabihin, "Bakit 'di n'yo ko sinali sa pagdedesisyon n'yo?!"

CANCER: Aakalain ko ba na noong kinasal kami, mauuna siya sa akin? Mas sakitin pa nga ako sa kanya. May mga bagay talaga na wala na tayong magagawa.

LEO: Hanggang ngayon hindi ko matanggap yun.

CANCER: May magagawa ba tayo sa kamatayan?

LEO: Hindi natin sila mabubuhay, pero hindi sa wala na tayong magagawa sa sarili natin. May choices pa rin tayo. Hindi naman siguro makikialam ang mga bituing patay na.

CANCER: Sa 'yo 'yan. May kanya-kanya tayong paniniwala. Minsan gusto ko pa ring iba ang magdesisyon para sa akin.

LEO: Hindi kaya't kinakausap natin sila dahil sa totoo lang, alam nating hindi nila tayo masasagot? Gusto lang nating marinig ang sarili natin?

Norman Wilwayco

The anti-Hero

LIFE, according to Tony de Guzman, is short, harsh and uncertain. Grab what you can when you can. Settle scores. Be randy. Defy the rules. Cheat the system. Toughen it out. Don't let the good stuff blind you to the bitter truth. Life is war and war is hell.

Tony is the lead character of this year's first placer novel in Pilipino: Norman Wilwayco's *"Kung Paano Ko Inayos ang Buhok Ko Pagkatapos ng Mahaba-haba Ring Paglalakbay."* The novel is an expanded version of his second-place Palanca-winning story a couple of years ago.

It's nihilist, Wilwayco admits of his novel, and Tony is an anti-hero. But then, "society is absurd," and he doesn't believe in heroes, says this "almost-30" management graduate who works as a web designer for Szazam Technologies. "The real heroes are the small people who struggle daily for survival," he adds. Like his lead character, Wilwayco says he's had tough times—living in the slums, being jobless and going hungry, when the only thing he had plenty of was time on his hands. He had no choice but to write, he says, because it earned him some cash. It also preserved his sanity. "Outlet *ng* frustrations," says this former student activist who describes society and government as "hopeless."

Like his character, Wilwayco is big on family. His one request: "Please mention my father's name: Ruben Wilwayco. It will make him really happy."

Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

Excerpt

From **"Kung Paano Ko Inayos ang Buhok Ko Matapos ang Mahaba-haba Ring Paglalakbay"**

By Norman Wilwayco

Grand Prize, Novel in Filipino

Habang lumalalim ang gabi, sa mga kuwentuhan namin ni Roman, lalong tumitingkad ang pagkilala ko sa sarili ko. Si Roman ang sagisag ng lipunang naliligaw. Sa pagkatao niya'y nasasalamin ko ang "kaunlarang" narating ng sangkatauhan. Nakikita ko sa mga nag-usli niyang panga ang kalbaryong pinapasan ko. Tulad ko, isang kahig isang tuka si Roman. Mas masahol pa nga siguro dahil ang nanay niya, may sakit at ang tatay niya, kahit gusto nang magretiro sa pinapasukang pabrika ng patis, kahit asin na ang namamahay sa pantog nito, sige pa rin ang paghahanapbuhay. Kailangang sustenahan ang karamdaman ng nanay ni Roman. Si Roman, sa paunti-unting pagtutulak ng damo, nakakatulong nang bahagya sa mga magulang niya. Hindi ko siya hinuhusgahang masamang anak o bulakbulero o kung anupaman. Malamang, may mabigat na dahilan kung bakit hindi siya nakapagtapos kaagad, kung bakit siya nagpalipat-lipat ng kurso. May mabigat na dahilan kung bakit siya nagtutulak ng damo.

Sa isa sa mga ronda ko sa UP, nakita ko si Wayne, yung kaklase kong Amerikano. Bigla ang pag-akyat ng dugo ko sa ulo. Ang p----g i--, wala nang bukambibig kundi kapintasan sa mga Pilipino. Nakita ko siyang papalabas ng Registrar. Medyo yumuko ako para hindi niya ako mapagsino.

Noong oras na iyon, nakaupo ako sa bench sa gilid ng Sunken Garden, ninanamnam ko ang damong inutang ko kay Roman. Tuloy-tuloy si Wayne sa paglalakad. Tumayo ako't sinundan siya.

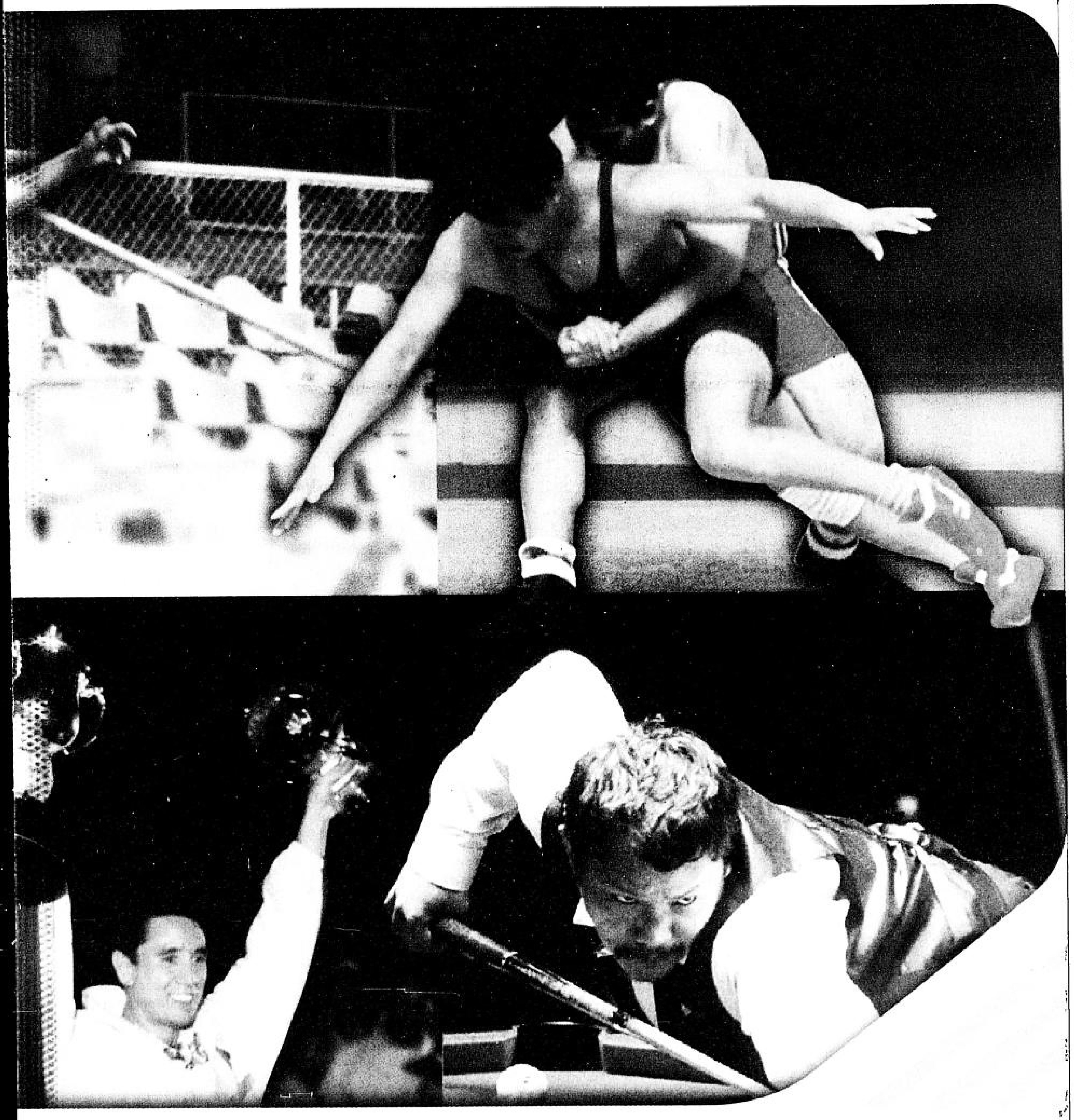
Lumiko siya pagdating sa UP Lagoon. Medyo nagdududa ako sa lakad ni kup-l. Saka ang alam ko, ang pumupunta lang sa Lagoon, iyong may syotang kaakbay saka yung mga may balak gawing labag sa batas at moralidad ng lipunan tulad ng paghitit ng damo at pagbabasa ng porno. Bihira ang pumupunta roon para tumambay lang dahil maraming lamok doon.

Nakita kong umupo si Wayne sa damuhan at may kinuha sa bag niya. Nang lumitaw ang kamay niya, tangan niya ang isang babasahing may makintab na pabalat. Sa anyo, mukhang magasing imported.

Gugulatin ko si kup-l. Hindi ako mapapakali, baka hindi ako makatulog kapag hindi ko nalaman kung ano yung binabasa niya. Tahimik akong lumapit. Nasa likod na niya ako, hindi pa rin niya alam. Lumuwa ang mata ko nang makita ko ang magasin na binabasa ni Wayne. Ang unang rumehistro sa utak ko, si Dino.

Sa mga pahina ng magasin ay nakalarawan ang iba't ibang posisyon ng mga batang nagtatalik. Ang mga edad ay naglalaro sa dose hanggang kinse. May mga nakatuwad, may mga nakaupo, may nakataas ang paa, may nakangiwing hindi malaman kung nasasaktan

To page 10



uth Korea with exciting games, promos, daily updates and more.

SS THE NUMBER OF RP GOLDS PROMO

many gold medals do you think our team will win? If you get it right, you get a chance to win ₱10,000!

e end of the Asian Games, a raffle entry will be awarded to the subscribers with the correct guess. le draw will be held wherein the number of winners to be drawn will be equal to the number of nedals won by the RP Team.
ple: 10 Gold Medals = 10 winners of ₱10,000)

nd your entries, just key in GOLD <number of medals> and send to 291.
ple: GOLD 10)

PORT THE RP TEAM

our athletes your appreciation! Cheer them on and send an encouraging message-which we orward to the Philippine Olympic Committee and to our heroes in the Asian Games. an also download Asian Games logos and picture messages, plus receive daily news updates.

ly use the following keywords and send to 291.

SUPPORT/CHEER FOR THE RP TEAM	CHEER <your message>
GET DAILY ASIAN GAMES UPDATE	NEWS ON
DOWNLOAD ASIAN GAMES LOGOS	LOGO
DOWNLOAD ASIAN GAMES PICTURE MESSAGES	PIC

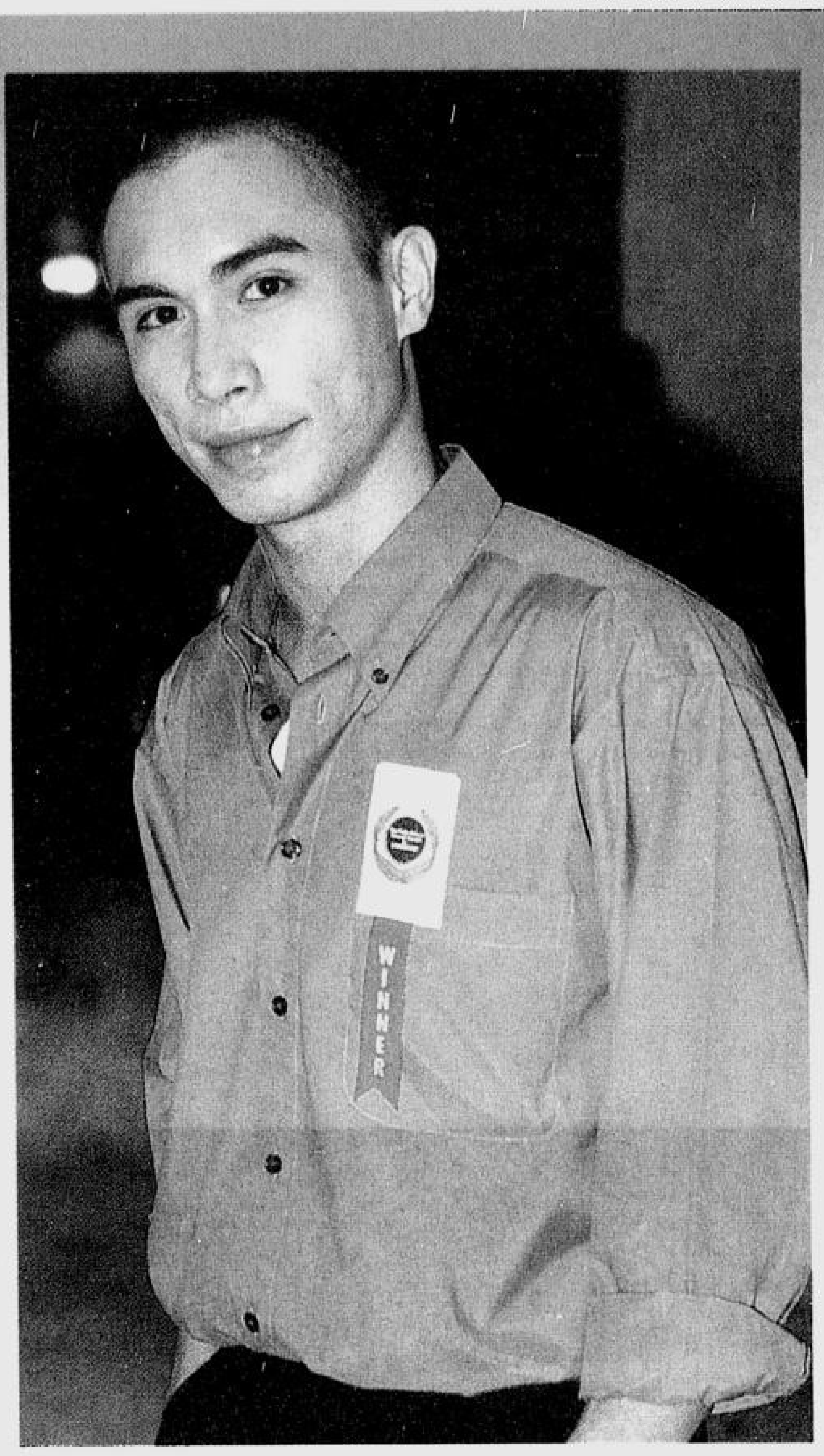
downloading of logos and picture message is ₱15.00. All other text messages sent to 291 is ₱2.50.

SMART
Simply Amazing!

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Call the SMART Hotline at 888-1111, text us at 888 (₱1.00 in excess of your FREE text allocation), e-mail us at customercare@smart.com.ph, or visit the SMART Wireless Center nearest you

Nathaniel Joseph de Mesa

Magical Musings



Nathaniel "Niel" de Mesa, this year's first prize winner for the one-act play in Filipino "subTEXT," knows exactly what drove him to write this trio of ingenious, oh-so-real scenes on the layers of meaning conveyed by words.

"I fell in love for the first time," says the 24-year-old Ateneo graduate and teacher of Philippine literature in English at the College of Saint Benilde-De la Salle University. "I never expected to become a writer," says this admitted achiever who began his own theater group and foundation to help the poor when he was fresh out of college. "I'm more of an actor, director and dancer than a writer. Then something really magical compelled me to write." Indeed, whereas he used to scribble only ramblings on "love as an illusion," de Mesa found himself "sharpening the quill" over the last year, and winning his first Palanca on his second try. His literal play of words moves from text misunderstandings to unspoken, heartfelt messages discovered by chance. "It's about how crucial words are, especially words not spoken in a relationship. Sometimes words become more powerful because of things that are not said."

There are some things that have to be said loud and clear, however, and our playwright wanted to be sure his muse, fellow theater artist Debbie Rivera, knew who she was. So, young lady, this one's obviously for you.

Alya B. Honasan

Excerpt

From **"subTEXT"**

By Nathaniel Joseph De Mesa

First Prize, One-Act Play in Filipino

Unang Eksena: Hapunan. Sa isang "Fine Dining" Restaurant. Nakaupo at wari'y magsisimulang kakain ang isang lalake at babae ng kani-kanilang pagkaing nakahain sa kanilang lamesa. Pareho silang bihis na bihis at mukhang galing opisina.

LALAKE: Nagbibiro lang ako nu'n...

BABAE: Paano ko malalaman...na nagbibiro ka lang nu'n...Hindi mo naman nilagyan ng "U" na may umlaut sa dulo...

LALAKE: "U" na may umlaut?

BABAE: Oo. Yung "U" na may umlaut? Yung smiling face? At huwag kang magpapalusot na bulok ang model ng telepono mo't wala kang character na gano'n...

LALAKE: Wala nga...

BABAE: Pwede ba...

LALAKE: Totoo... wala nga...

BABAE: E di sana gumawa ka ng paraan, pwede namang "open parenthesis" tapos "colon" or "open parenthesis dash colon" kung gusto mong may ilong. (Hihirit ang lalaki) O-o-o... huwag mong sabihing wala ka pa rin nu'n...

LALAKE: Meron.

BABAE: O kitam. Wala akong pakialam kung jolog ang cellphone mo, ang sa 'kin lang... sana gumawa ka ng paraan... para hindi tayo nauuwi sa mga nakaka-iritang pag-uusap dahil ang labo mo!

LALAKE: Ang labo ko?!... Tama na... kumakain tayo (Pabulong) Ako pa'ng malabo...

BABAE: Oo ikaw! Hindi mo malaman kung seryoso ka, o galit ka, o nagbibiro! Nasaktan ako nung natanggap ko yun, dahil 'kala ko seryoso ka... tapos ngayon sasabihin mong nagbibiro ka lang...

LALAKE: (Magtataas ng boses) E sa wala nga ako nung "U" na may umlaut!!

BABAE: A basta... hindi ka gumawa ng paraan.

LALAKE: Oo na... next time... "open parenthesis dash colon"... may ilong pa 'yon ha... Kumain na tayo.

BABAE: At isa pa, pa'no ko iisiping nagbibiro ka lang at di ka galit samantalang naka-ALL CAPS ang message mo, remember?! ALL-CAPS!?! Do you know what that means?!

LALAKE: Tell me.

BABAE: (Nangungutya) Hmm. Isipin natin. (Biglang sasampalin ang lalake) 'Yan! 'Ayan ang pakiramdam ng ALL-CAPS mo!!! (Sisimulan ng babae kumain)

LALAKE: Déjà vu... for the Nth time... walang lower case function ang telepono ko! Masanay ka ng mukhang galit ang mga messages ko!

BABAE: Ipanakaw mo na yang 2-liner, antiquated, cellphone mo para makabili ka na ng bagu-bagong modelong may "U" na may umlaut at lower case function! Ang LABO MO!!

LALAKE: Bakit ikaw rin naman ah?

BABAE: Anong ako?

LALAKE: Oo ikaw.

BABAE: Ako...malabo? Excuse me!?! 'Pag ako nagpapadala mg message, direct to the point, malinaw pa sa araw.

LALAKE: Bakit nung niliiligawan kita puro "I LAB U" ang padala mo?!

BABAE: So? Anong malabo dun?

LALAKE: LAB? LAB? Hellloooo... L-A-B?! (Pause) Hindi L-U-V. Hindi L-O-V-E. Ang pagkaka-"spell" mo... L-A-B!! "I LAB U." Matutuwa pa naman sana ako nung una kong natanggap 'yon. Sasarap sana ang gising ko. Pero nag-alangan ako... dahil baka biro lang o di kaya'y pa-cute na consuelo de bobo para dalhan pa rin kita ng dalhan ng paborito mong pulburon araw-araw sa skul. Di ko malaman kung seryoso kang mahal mo 'ko...Tapos akala ko magbabago 'yun nung naging tayo...Pero hanggang ngayon ganun pa rin. "I-L-A-B-U." Ano kaya yun?! Tell me, how am I suppose to commit my undying love to a person who sends half-hearted messages of love like that?! ILABU? ANG LABO! Ikaw ang malabo!

Marco A.V. Lopez

Not Exactly Tongue-tied

"I am a victim of languages," says Marco "Marx" Lopez, 38, this year's first prize winner for short story in Filipino. Hailing from Sipocot, Camarines Sur, Lopez grew up speaking Bikol, picked up Tagalog when his family moved to Manila, and later English in school. In college, he minored in French and studied Latin while earning a master's degree in English. Lopez even picked up a smattering of Chinese during a year-long stint as an exchange professor in the University of Beijing.

For the last eight years, however, his focus has been on Pilipino. Apart from being a faculty member of the Ateneo's Filipino department, Lopez is also finishing his doctorate in Creative Writing at the University of the Philippines.

"One of the reasons I write is to reconcile the binary opposites in writing: art vs. agitprop, personal vs. collective, local vs. national, structural vs. postmodern," he says. His stories turn a critical eye on issues such as gender, family, class, religion while avoiding the cliches of the "social" tradition in Pilipino writing.

"*Bukbok*," Lopez's winning entry, is his third Palanca. **Eric S. Caruncho**

Excerpt

From **"Bukbok"**

By Marco A.V. Lopez

First Prize, Short Story in Filipino

Biglang kumislot na muli ang mga nerbiyos mula sa kanyang bulok na ngipin. Napadiin ang pagdantay ng kanyang mga kamay sa balikat ng kanyang tito. "Tito, sumasakit na naman ang ngipin ko. Daan tayo sa botika sa bayan ng Pasacao," pakiusap ni Huge.

Naputol ang pagmumuni ni Karl. "Masakit na masakit ba? Gusto mo bang huwag na tayong tumuloy sa Pasacao at umuwi na lamang tayo?" tanong niya kay Huge.

"Bumili na lamang tayo ng gamot. Mawawala rin ito," sagot ni Huge.

Halos maluha sa sakit si Huge. Hindi niya masabi sa kanyang tito na mas matindi ito ngayon kaysa kahapon. Alam niyang maaaring bumalik ito ngayong araw na ito kaya hindi na sana siya sasama sa Pasacao. Kaya lang ay inaabangan din niya ang paglalakbay na ito. Tuturuan pa man din siyang lumangoy at ayaw rin naman niyang umiyak si Tatot sa inis dahil hindi natuloy ang kanilang lakad. Maaga pa man din itong nagising kanina upang hindi iwan ng kanyang kuya at tito.

Kung maari nga lamang sanang maging dentista siya para bunutin ang halos lahat niyang ngipin na may bukbok. Inisa-isa ang kanyang ngipin ngayon at hindi niya makayanan ang sakit na dulot nito. Magsisimula ang sakit minsan sa paghigop ng mainit na sabaw or pag-inom ng malamig na Coke. Parang isang lintik na uugit ang sakit mula sa bulok na ngipin at dadaloy sa panga patungo sa utak. Maluluha siya sa unang kidlat ng sakit at sa ngitngit sa sarili dahil sa kapabayaan niya at kanya na ring mga magulang. May sinasabi ang balon ng bulok na ngipin sa pagpapalaki sa kanya ng kanyang mga magulang. Lumaki siyang nagpiyesta sa anumang matamis: White Rabbit, Kendiment, Serg's chocolate, Nips, Storck, Maxx, lollipop, ice candy, ice cream, ice drop, pinipig crunch, Twin Popsies, drumstick, halo-halo, saba con hielo, suman, nilupak, ampaw, hinulog-hulog, ginatan, palitaw, biniribid, at kung anu-ano pang pagkaing binudburan o nilunod sa asukal. Wala man lang ipinagbawal sa kanya.

Sa ngayon ay nararamdaman niyang may sariling pulso ang kanyang kanang panga at halos maramdaman niya ang pag-umbok ng kanyang pisngi. Kahit mabagal ang pagpapatakbo ng kanyang tito ay hindi maiwasang tumindi ang sakit

To page 9

Vicente G. Groyon III

His Journey Home

THAT it is not awarded every year and that it takes great effort to even compete in it makes the novel category among the most prestigious of Palanca Awards. No wonder 31-year-old Vicente "Vince" G. Groyon III is, as he describes it, "ecstatic." His novel "The Sky of Dimas" gave him his third Palanca Award and his first first prize.

A twisting, engrossing tale of a family's secrets, "The Sky Over Dimas" is set in Vince's native Bacolod, and makes for a gripping, sleek read. "I write about Bacolod because there's a lot of material. Now that I'm based in Manila, I tend to look back there at my memories, and that becomes my material."

This assistant professor from De La Salle University's Department of Communication says he began playing with the idea for his novel in high school. It took him four years to write. "It was really difficult to finish." Fortunately, it is a definitie delight to read.

Ruel S. De Vera

Excerpt

From **"The Sky Over Dimas"**
By Vicente Groyon III
Grand Prize, Novel in English

The fact is: George Torrecarion went crazy.

In hindsight, all of Bacolod agreed that the incident at Adora's Modern Drive-In Restaurant was not the first visible sign that anything was wrong. What everyone had thought of as the twitches associated with a man approaching middle age had been indications of something far more serious.

Over the decades after the war, Bacolod saw waves of her once-young men doing strange things, all dismissed by the rest of the citizenry as "fads." The tacit acknowledgment was that these men were adjusting, or trying to adjust, to the fading of their manhood, and that they should be allowed to settle into their new roles at their own pace. Thus, the '50s were known as the heyday of the legendary boxing clubs of Negros Occidental, which challenged each other to weekly bouts, drawing audiences from the far-flung barrios of the island, as well as nearby Guimaras, Cebu, and Iloilo. In the '60s a slew of combos surfaced at restaurants, nightclubs, and social functions, their members weighted down with jars of pomade as they labored through covers of American Top 40 hits. The '70s were remarkable for the fleets of imported custom-built sports cars cruising up and down the boulevards and drag racing on the highways after dark. In the '80s, George's contemporaries styled themselves as throwbacks to Easy Rider, tooling around town on large American hogs, sweltering inside leather jackets and biker boots studded with stainless steel spikes. George was among the first of his generation at the start of that decade to acquire a motorcycle—a lean, sleek, but discreet Honda that made up for its lack of character with speed. There were those who posited that if George had just gone ahead and bought himself a thundering Harley he wouldn't have gone cuckoo.

While the Torrecarions had always been respected members of Bacolod society, George acquired for himself the reputation of Black Sheep. Thanks to the accident in which his father Raul's Mercedes Benz almost ended up in Guimaras Strait, his parents sent him to Bacolod City College instead of a prestigious Manila unviersity. Convinced that his future was shot, he behaved like he had none and became the local troublemaker. His marrying the queer bird Margarita Jarabas didn't help this reputation any.

It was she, after all, who had been caught shoplifting religious medallions at Uy's Lucky Emporium, and it was well known that she never denied it or put up a fight; just went with the security guard, hands clasped, head bowed, and eyes downcast as though she was praying, to young Andy Uy's office on the second floor. Once the door was closed she resumed her aristocratic demeanor and made pointed remarks about the guard whom Andy kept posted beside the closed door. When Andy appeared not to understand her hints, she began chatting with him instead about this and that, avoiding the topic of the theft and reminiscing about how Andy's father, Uy Senior, had been such a good friend of her father when Uy was just a refugee who had swum from China using a set of oil drums for flotation, or so the story went. Andy was young, tactful, and embarrassed at having to resolve this situation. He just smiled and said "Yes, yes" and "No, no." Then, never taking his eyes off Margie, he slid the medallions—cheap plastic trinkets, really—off his desk and pocketed them, smiling the whole time, but making sure Margie saw every move he made. She could not be thrown in jail—she was a Jarabas, after all, and while she could very well afford the merchandise she had slipped into her purse, he dared not question her acquisition methods. Nor could he tack her photo on the bulletin board that hung at his store entrance, along with the other apprehended shoplifters. It just wasn't right. So he smiled and listened and chatted a bit more, then steered her out the door without ever mentioning the theft. At the door he gave the security guard a look that said, "Don't look at me, she's a Jarabas and a Torrecarion but you did a good job all the same even if I can't do anything about it." And he patted the guard on the shoulder, ignoring his accusing, remonstrative look, and stepped back into his office.

There were many such stories about Margie circulated in Bacolod, some of which, like the shoplifting incident, were actually repeated to her sons, Rodel and Rafael, by their classmates at St. Martin's Institute for Boys. Rafael, who would leave Negros for good after completing high school, received the stories with a hurt, bewildered air. He never considered the possibility that they were lies; only that they could perhaps contain some truth. No one knew better than he, after all, not even Rodel, about just how strange and disturbing Margie could be when one of her spells was upon her. He knew his mother could be bright and perky one moment, then suddenly collapse into tears at the memory of some long-dead relative or friend; she could announce quite suddenly that she was Isadora Duncan and twirl through the rooms of the house on Acacia Boulevard, trailing 14 feet of diaphonous gauze curtains borrowed from the windows; she could, depending on which books were found open and strewn about the library, discourse to anyone at all on religion, history, politics, and art for hours, persuasively interweaving these topics into her version of the history of the Jarabas family, occasionally throwing in a reference to the Torrecarions for politeness' sake. So when Rafael was told that his mother was caught shoplifting, for instance, he could only pretend indifference while his mind buzzed with the tearful certainty that his mother was at it again.

Rodel, on the other hand, took offense at these stories, refusing to believe that they were even possible. As often as Rafael responded with a timid acceptance of what he thought of as facts, Rodel responded with his fists, feet, knees, elbows, and skull. The sons of Negros' prominent who attended St. Martin's soon realized that when such stories came to light, they were best confirmed with the younger Torrecarion.

It did not help that the farms that had been left to George and Margie by their parents, which George then had to operate under the supervision of his father Raul, were buckling under the full weight of the Philippine sugar industry's slow, majestic collapse. As his friends took his lead and began riding around on increasingly more elaborate motorcycles, George began to feel the pressure that his and Margie's lands were exerting on him. He was an inept landlord despite Raul's supervision and frequent intervention, and it was not a good time to indulge in a midlife crisis. So, out of delicadeza more than anything else, he put his motorcycle away (which the grateful Rodel would inherit when he was old enough) and contented himself with longing glances at his ersatz Hell's Angels friends as their sissy bars and oscillating pennants flashed past the windows of his staid, aging Land Rover.

As a sort of revenge for having to give up his motorcycle, he began to take an interest in esoterica, reading up on the Rosicrucians, the Holy Grail, the Tarot, the Shroud of Turin, astrology, the occult, UFO sightings, faith healing, and alien abductions. He discovered Carlos Castañeda years after hippie enlightenment became chic and began to smoke grass and practice yoga in the absence of peyote or even LSD on the whole of Negros.

It was also around this time that Raul concluded (after many of Negros' hacenderos had concluded) that sugar was going nowhere and adopted the province's battlecry for the '80s: diversification. George was aware that things had changed around the farms, but found it difficult to maintain interest whenever Raul would sit him down and try to explain what was happening. On these occasions, George would shift the conversation over to Rodel's growing interest in agriculture, thanks to the recently inaugurated Agribusiness Department at Bacolod City College, where Rodel had been more than happy to enroll. Raul sensed what George was up to, and watched sadly, saying nothing, as George gave Rodel more and more responsibility over the management of the haciendas.

Marco

. . . from page 8

kapag hindi maiwasan ang ilang lubak ng kalye. Kung 'maari lang sanang hablutin niya ang bulok na ngiping ito at itapon sa tabindaan upang hindi na maging bahagi ng koleksiyon ng kanyang huklubang dentista. Dahil sinauna pa ang pinag-aralan at hindi na sinubaybayan ang rebolusyon sa pangangalaga ng ngipin ay wala itong pagkiling sa pagpapasta at root canal: isa lamang ang solusyon sa bawat pagkirot ng ngipin—ang bunutin ito at palitan ng pustiso. Siya nga naman, mas mabilis ang pagbunot ng ngipin at siya rin naman ang gagawa ng kakalog-kalog na pustiso! Nainis siya dahil siya na matalino sa klase at may hitsura ay maraming bulok na ngipin at kakalog-kalog ang pustiso.

Dalangin niya na sana ay hindi ito maranasan ng iba niyang kapatid. Lagi niyang pinaaalalahanan ang mga ito na magsepilyo at huwag kumain ng kendi. Pagbabawal na hindi maunawaan ni Tatot dahil wala pa itong bulok na ngipin, gayong nagsisimula na ang isang maliit na linya ng bukbok sa apat na ngipin sa unahan at ilang bagang. Sa ngayon, habang lumiliko ang motorsiklo papasok sa bayan ng Pasacao, ang iniisip ng bata ay kung bakit matagal ang biyahe at napakalayo pala ng dagat na ito. Iniisip din niya na sana makauwi sila nang maaga mamayang hapon dahil sabi ng mamang kalbo na magaling sa biyolin ay may huli silang pagsasanay mamayang gabi bago ang Salubong kinabukasan. Mabuti na lamang at hindi siya ang isa sa napiling bata na gaganap na anghel, nakatali ang baywang sa dulo ng isang mahabang kawayan at unti-unting ibababa mula sa mataas na kastilyo. Kahit siguro siya ay maiiyak sa takot, gaya nina Shiela at Maricel at Benjie at Alex. Kakanta lamang siya at magtatalumpati ng ilang linya upang amuin ang nalulungkot na imahen ng Birheng Maria.

WEEK 2
INQUIRER
DIAMOND BE MINE
ENTRY FORM

Questions

1. What is the anti-stress utility card from Union Bank that provides hassle-free payment of your utility bills? Look for the answer on page 12.
2. What is the farm featured in the ad on page 3?
3. What is the grand prize in SMART's & Philippine Olympic Committee's 2002 Asian Games trivia game? (To know the answer turn to pages 6 & 7)
4. What will be staged at the Meralco Theatre on Sept. 21 and 22? check out page 11 for the answer.

NAME
ADDRESS
TEL.
SIGNATURE

sunday INQUIRER magazine
GET TO KNOW SOME REAL PEOPLE

See print ad for details. Entries must be received by the PDI by 5pm of September 13 for the September 16 draw.

Per DTI-NCR permit # 3338, series of 2002.

The Word

Correcting a Friend in Five Steps

EVEN in a Christian community, we also hurt one another. In our homes, in church organizations and fellowships, there are wounded relationships because of wrongdoings committed by some of us.

But wounded relationships often remain unhealed precisely because the wounds have not been exposed for healing. For we in the community continue to tolerate the wrongdoing either because we simply want to "mind my own business" or because we are too scared or embarrassed to displease anyone. And so the wrongdoer continues his wrongdoing, and we in the community pretend to behave as if nothing is wrong. In Mt. 18:15-20, Jesus tells us what to do.

Step 1: "If your brother does something wrong, go to him in private, and show him his wrongdoing. If he listens to you, you have won your brother back." (v. 15)

Quietly go and talk to the wrongdoer. Speak out. Put your grievance into words. Bring your pain into the open, and show the wrongdoer how concerned you are about him/her doing wrong. Don't crawl into a corner to brood over your hurt feelings, poisoning your mind with fantasies of vengeance and violence against your "enemy." Share your significant feelings not by just writing a letter (which can be misinterpreted) but by facing the one who wronged you so you can see in his/her eyes what pressures he/she had to go through which led him/her to do wrong. When you face the wrongdoer, do it in private hoping that your wounds will begin to heal right there without having to embarrass one another in public.

Step 2: "If he does not listen, take one or two other persons with you..." (v. 16)

If you cannot get the wrongdoer to listen to you in private, the presence of wise, gracious and concerned friends can help create a new atmosphere of reconciliation. This meeting is not a confrontational and combative encounter between plaintiff and defendant with their respective loyalists, but a gathering of Christian friends trying faithfully to become a "reconciled and reconciling little church" in the spirit of Jesus. (v. 19, 20)

Step 3: "And if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the community (church)" (v. 17a)

Telling it to the community (church) does not mean going to court (*demandahan*) or calling a press conference or writing a poison letter to the boss (Bishop, Pope). Presuming that we are still moving in the Spirit of Jesus, we are invited to continue being patient both with the process and with one another—because even if we have unfortunately reached as far as Step 3 without much visible fruit, God nevertheless is not finished with us yet.

Step 4: "And if he still refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector" (v. 17b)

Treating the stubborn and unrepentant wrongdoer "like a pagan or a tax collector" does not mean abandoning him/her as an irreclaimable and hopeless case. Jesus could not have meant it that way. Matthew, Zaccheus, Mary of Magdala, Paul of Tarsus, St. Augustine, St. Ignatius of Loyola and all the other once hard-headed sinners would have been lost forever had not Jesus been stubbornly patient with them too.

Step 5: "...whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven" (v. 18)

These words of Jesus about binding and loosing, reconciling and being reconciled, forgiving and being forgiven, waiting and welcoming are being addressed to the whole church—to us in the Christian community. Healing our wounded relationships and mending our broken friendships in this life, Jesus said, will be what Heaven is all about for us in the next. But this spiritual experience is not something that we can achieve by ourselves. It is a gift that we must together ask in prayer in the name of Jesus (v. 19, 20). That universal Prayer of St. Francis about wanting to be a channel of God's peace has been, for me, a special blessing:

Make Me An Instrument

Make me an instrument, Lord, of Thy Peace,
As I let go, as I release
Make me an instrument, humble and free,
As I awaken/ the Living Christ in me.

Ooh....ooh....ooh....ooh
As I awaken the Living Christ in me.

Make me an instrument, Lord, of Thy Peace,
As I give Love, Love I receive
Make me an instrument, humble and free,
As I awaken/ the Living Christ in me.

Ooh....ooh....ooh....ooh
As I awaken the Living Christ in me.

For the music, please call Anggê Soriano at 374-2170.

* * *

Reminder: Center for Migrant Youth (CMY) 20th anniversary celebration—Sept. 22, Sunday, 103 Cordillera St., SMH, Quezon City, 8:15 a.m., Eucharist and Breakfast (bring your "five loaves and two fishes").

—Sept. 29, Sunday, Shepherd's Place, CMY House of Prayer and Rest, Greenfield Subd., Bukal, Dasmariñas, Cavite, 10 a.m., Eucharist and Brunch (bring your "five loaves and two fishes"), and your Sustenance Alms for CMY and the Poor.

The End

...from page 6

o nasasarapan. Naisip ko, bakit may magbabasa ng ganoong magasin? Bakit may mga taong ang gusto'y mga bata? Hindi ko lubos maisip ang dahilan. Naiisip ko ang mga walang muwang na nene at totoy na gumagala sa lansangan kapag gabi. Mga batang binibiktima ng mga p----g i---g pedophile na karamiha'y mga Amerikano.

Napalatak ako hindi dahil nagulat ako sa nakita ko. Napalatak ako sa asar at labis na pandidiri dito sa p----g i---g kaklase kong Amerikano. Narinig ni Wayne ang Tsk ko kaya bigla ang pagsara niya ng mga pahina ng magasin at nag-angat ng mukha.

"Oh, it's you," sabi niya.

"What are you doing here, man?" tanong ko. Kunwa'y hindi ko nakita ang binabasa niya.

"Oh, I'm just hangin' out, feeling the grass and everything. You know that kind of stuff."

"I didn't know you're an environmentalist."

"Not really. I just love nature. The feel of grass under my feet and my butt. There's too much garbage out there, man. You should take a break and sit on the grass."

K-p-l! Punyeta ka. Anong garbage ang pinagsasabi mo? Ang totoong garbage, iyang magasing hawak-hawak mo't dagling isinilid sa bag nang makita mo ko. Ulol! Lokohin mo ang lola mong Amerikanong manyak.

"What are you reading?"

"Nothing, just some literary stuff. I'm tired of reading engineering journals. A part of my break from the garbage, I read Hemingway, Steinbeck, among others."

You are reading filth, motherf----r.

"That's good, man. Well, I'll see you around then."

"Yeah. Stay cool, man."

Lumakad na ako papalayo. Bad trip, Nasayang lang ang tinira kong jutes, hindi ako nakapagtrip nang maayos.

Bumalik ako sa Sunken Garden. Medyo madilim na. Umupo ako sa damuhan, malayo sa mga naglalampungang mga magsyota.

Habang lumilipas ang amats ng jutes, iniisip ko ang ilang taong pag-aaral ko sa UP. Iniisip ko ang mga raket ko. Iniisip ko ang nanay kong tali sa utang kay Almang Paybsiks. Iniisip ko ang tatay kong hindi na muling nagpakita nang habulin siya ng taga ng nanay ko. Tapos, inisip ko ang mga pangarap ko kapag nagtapos na ako sa UP, at habang tinatahi-tahi ko ang mga plano ko sa hinaharap, sumilip sa utak ko ang kababuyan ni Wayne. At kung bakit dito sa UP, mayroong mga ganoong klase ng estudyante. Dito sa UP, kung saan ang dapat na maging pangunahing layunin ng mga mag-aaral ay naglingkod sa bayan, bilang kabayaran ng edukasyon nilang piniga sa bulsa ng mga mamamayang walang paltos sa pagbabayad ng buwis. Hindi ko nahalata ang pamumuo ng luha sa sulok ng mga mata ko. Hanggang sa dumaloy na ito sa mga pisngi ko at mapagtanto kong napakarami ko palang maling akala.

Umiyak ako nang umiyak. Pagkatapos, sumigaw ako nang palakas-lakas.

U.P. NAMING MAHAL! NABUBULOK KA NA, P-----G I-- KA! DARATING ANG ARAW, SISINGILIN KA NG MGA ESTUDYANTE. HUMANDA KA, U.P. NAMING MAHAL. TITIBAGIN KO ANG OBLATION MONG H----T. U.P. NAMING MAHAL, HUMANDA KA! P----- I-- MOOOOO!

End Page

By Jonathan Best

Childhood Roots of a Baguio Artist

Acclaimed and talented artist Santiago Bose drew from the indigenous links and class struggles of his childhood to create his complex, meaningful works

Santiago Bose, called Santi by his friends, has become something of an artistic institution in Baguio. He lives quietly now in a house his father built for him years ago on Quezon Hill. His windows look out across the city and toward the countless steps leading up to the Lourdes Grotto on Observatory Hill. On rainy afternoons the fog rolls in from the China Sea, bathing the Baguio pines and bamboo around his house in a cool mist. Bose's life in Baguio has not always been as peaceful as it is now. He was born and raised in the city, just a few years after the devastation of World War II. He survived Martial Law and the Baguio earthquake and has been molded by the city's many diverse influences and occasionally turbulent history.

Bose is very much a product of Baguio, and in turn has contributed his efforts to enrich and help define the city and its artistic community. He has been a long time friend and defender of the indigenous Ifugao, who have often been maligned by intolerant or superstitious Christian lowlanders. He is always eager to befriend and share his expertise with younger working class artists trying to start their careers and explore their Filipino roots. Bose was one of the initial founders in 1986 of the Baguio Arts Guild and until recently one of its directors. His reputation as a Filipino artist has reached far beyond Baguio. His paintings are now being collected by art museums in Australia, Southeast Asia and America, and by knowledgeable private collectors here and abroad.

Visual artists create new realities to teach us about ourselves and help define and give meaning to the world we live in. Bose has been doing this for well over 30 years. He has been creating complex and challenging paintings, paper prints, collages and installations depicting Filipino history in all its chaotic, contradictory and multi-cultural splendor. Images of Katipuneros, Christian flagellants, Igorots, American teachers, migrant workers, Carnival Queens, Edsa rallies and the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo are recalled and juxtaposed as powerful reflections of the Filipino psyche. He overlays historic images with esoteric Christian and Pagan symbols, cabalistic incantations and mischievous eroticisms. He has gathered major icons from Philippine history and transformed them into dynamic new works of art, which both inform and challenge the current discourses on Filipino national identity.

Bose's fascinating artwork is a natural outgrowth of the conflicting cultural influences and class struggles of his childhood. Both his parents were Ilocanos from Abra with strong family ties to the Tinggian people. His parents met in Baguio after the Second World War, where they had migrated in search of work. His father became a policeman while his mother, who was trained as a teacher, opened an arts and crafts shop for tourists. On family visits back to Abra, young Santi heard folklore and stories of powerful Tinggian magic from his relatives. He recalls the Tinggians were, of all the tribal people in the Cordillera, "the most spiritual...they had the most amulets and hexing. 'Don't mess with these Tinggians because they have very powerful witchcraft.' This was the Ilocano awareness of the Tinggians."

As a young boy he was also exposed to the surrealistic world of the faith healers. He remembers one man in particular who used to come up from the Lowlands to visit their American *balikbayan* uncle on weekends for healing sessions and seances. This healer was called Maestro, had long hair and piercing eyes, looked like a Cossack and could extract teeth without anesthetics. Sometimes Santi was made to sit on a table with his eyes closed and describe his mental images as Maestro would ask leading questions like "Is it dark, are there trees, do you see dwarfs?" Maestro preformed cures and had magical vests and amulet drawings. To bring reason to this world of hocus pocus, Santi's no-nonsense policeman father would say, "Bring me the bullet proof amulets and I'll try my service revolver on them."

J. BEST

Santiago Bose in his Baguio Studio on Quezon Hill

In sharp contrast to these indigenous influences, Santi's father also had a pass to the American military base at Camp John Hay. The family would go there to play bingo, hoping to win a Kelvinator refrigerator or other American goodies. They would eat at the base restaurants and enjoy "first world" amenities. In the early 1960s Santi heard his first rock'n'roll at Camp John Hay, listened to the Beatles and the Rolling Stones and borrowed his first books on Western Art from the base library. However, his childhood memories of Camp John Hay soured as he grew older and felt that Filipinos were being treated like second class citizens in their own country.

At his mother's souvenir shop he would while away the afternoons making drawings on scrap paper when there were no customers. People from the mountains would bring their antique carvings, weavings and native ornaments to sell to his mother. At times she would hire carvers to work on commissioned pieces for hotels, churches and the tourist market. The Igorot carvers would set up their blocks of wood at his parents' house and work for days at a time. As a boy Santi was fascinated by these craftsmen, and got to know them personally. Their carvings were being made for the commercial market, but in the 1950s and early 1960s they were still closely connected to original indigenous designs and traditions. Like Abstract Expressionist artists in the West, Bose has come to appreciate the highly sophisticated design elements and spirituality of so-called primitive art. He laments the fact that the native Cordillera carvers are now mass producing tacky Philippine eagles, Buddhas, Christian icons and phallic ashtrays which have no connection visually or spiritually to their indigenous traditions.

When Bose was 14 an American Filipino art teacher from Brent School saw his drawings at his mother's shop and was so impressed he offered him lessons once a week. These continued for two years until he went to college. Besides being an affirmation of his innate talent, these lessons gave Bose a headstart on his artistic career. In college he took art classes wherever he could despite attempts to push him toward a more practical vocation. He counts himself extremely lucky that he was an only child, which made it possible for his working class parents to give him a good education.

Bose eventually graduated from the University of the Philippines at Diliman just as the nation was descending into martial law. He saw the campus ringed with barbed wire and artistic expression curtailed. His parents urged him to leave for the States, but he could not get an exit permit. He was soon married and struggling to support a family, working as a commercial artist and photographer in Manila. Fortunately his first one-man show in 1974 was a tremendous success. He took the opportunity to return to Baguio and pursue painting as a full time career, away from the pressures of Manila. In those days the Manila art scene was increasingly dominated by Imelda Marcos and her bevy of court painters. Bose credits the Marcoses with building vital infrastructure for the arts in the early years of their regime, like the Cultural Center of the Philippines and the Metropolitan Museum. But unfortunately, he believes their naïve infatuation with foreign art and Martial Law eventually undermined their better intentions.

Baguio gave Bose a chance to renew his contacts with indigenous craftsman, with nature and his personal roots. His work is infused with powerful icons from animistic religious traditions, and he continues to nurture visual freedoms reminiscent of the artistic and social revolutions of the 1960s. He works in mixed media, employing paint, ink, objects in relief, and photomontages. He is especially fond of using old photographs which, he points out, "locate you in a certain point in time. When I paint over them, they become an engagement with the past and the present."

Santiago Bose is still very much the irreverent and humorous Baguio artist he has long been reputed to be. But his long and difficult years and his unceasing fascination with being Filipino have also transformed him into one of the Philippine's most thoughtful intellectuals and perceptive visual historians.

2002 Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature

Complete List of Winners

FILIPINO DIVISION

I. NOBELA

Tanging Gantimpala: "Kung Paano Ko Inayos ang Buhok Ko Matapos ang Mahaba-haba Ring Paglalakbay" ni Norman Wilwayco

II. FUTURISTIC FICTION-FILIPINO

Unang Gantimpala: "Apokalipsis" ni Alvin B. Yapan

Ikalawang Gantimpala: "Semi-Kalbo" ni Alwin C. Aguirre

Ikatlong Gantimpala: "Mr. Dolly" ni Jimmuel C. Naval

III. MAIKLING KUWENTO

Unang Gantimpala: "Bukbok" ni Marco A.V. Lopez

Ikalawang Gantimpala: "Isda" ni Jerry Arcega-Gracio

Ikatlong Gantimpala: "Huling Hiling, Hinaing at Halinghing ni Hermano Huseng" ni Pat V. Villafuerte

IV. MAIKLING KUWENTONG PAMBATA

Unang Gantimpala: "Ang Lumang Aparador" ni Genaro R. Gojo Cruz

Ikalawang Gantimpala: "Pagbibilang sa Bookstore" ni Joseph Patrick V. Arevalo

Ikatlong Gantimpala: "Ang Ama ni Pando" ni Enrico C. Torralba

V. SANAYSAY

Unang Gantimpala: "Tuwing Miyerkules" ni Luis P. Gatmaitan, M.D.

Ikalawang Gantimpala: "Paano Nga Ba Kung Matanda Ka Na?" ni Neil Bustamante Campos

Ikatlong Gantimpala: "Si Nanay, Si Lolo Ceferino, Ang Lira, at si Eliot o ang Henesis ng Aking Pananaludtod" ni Michael M. Coroza

VI. KABATAAN SANAYSAY

Unang Gantimpala: "Kabataang Mandirigma" ni Margaret P. Yarcia

Ikalawang Gantimpala: "Pandaigdigang Kapayapaan: Kabataan Game Ka Na Ba?" ni Lester John Cariaga Lim

Ikatlong Gantimpala: "Mangarap Ka Nang Gising" ni Ivan D.J. Josue

VII. TULA

Unang Gantimpala: "Estalon at Iba Pang Simoy ng Bait" ni Roberto T. Añonuevo

Ikalawang Gantimpala: "Pag-aabang sa Kundiman at Iba Pang Tula" ni Edgar Calabia Samar

Ikatlong Gantimpala: "Sinaunang Pag-ibig sa Apoy" ni Jerry Arcega-Gracio

VIII. DULANG MAY ISANG YUGTO

Unang Gantimpala: "SubTEXT" ni Nathaniel Joseph F. De Mesa

Ikalawang Gantimpala: "Kasal Sakal Xenical" ni Harlene Charmaine Bautista-Tejedor

Ikatlong Gantimpala: "Ang Bayani ng Hannaga" ni Salvador T. Biglaen

IX. DULANG GANAP ANG HABA

Unang Gantimpala: "Agnoia" ni Liza C. Magtoto

Ikalawang Gantimpala: "Sala sa Pito" ni George A. De Jesus III

Ikatlong Gantimpala: "Teatro Porvenir" ni Edward Perez

X. DULANG PANTELEBISYON

Unang Gantimpala: "Shashin Lullabye" ni Vincent Kua

Ikalawang Gantimpala: "Balikbayan Box" ni Joel V. Almazan

Ikatlong Gantimpala: "Suspect" ni Lynda Casimiro

XI. DULANG PAMPELIKULA

Unang Gantimpala: "Isnats!" ni Michael Angelo P. Dagñalan

Ikalawang Gantimpala: "Tanso" ni Jose Dennis C. Teodosio

Ikatlong Gantimpala: "Fish Crackers" ni Agustin del Mundo Sugatan, Jr.

ENGLISH DIVISION

I. NOVEL

Grand Prize: "The Sky Over Dimas" by Vicente G. Groyon III

II. FUTURISTIC FICTION-ENGLISH

First Prize: "Virutal Center" by Raissa Claire U. Rivera

Second Prize: "Kaming mga Seroks" by David Peter Jose J. Hontiveros

Third Prize: "Mall" by Baryon Tensor Posadas

III. SHORT STORY

First Prize: "We Won't Cry About This" by Socorro A. Villanueva

Second Prize: "Old Movies" by Ian Rosales Casocot

Third Prize: "Doomsday" by Edgar B. Maranan

IV. SHORT STORY FOR CHILDREN

First Prize: "Mico and Friends" by Luis Joaquin M. Katigbak

Second Prize: "The Slipper" by Raissa Claire U. Rivera

Third Prize: "The Peace Crane" by Herbeth Fondevilla

V. ESSAY

First Prize: "Death and Early Sorrow" by Melba Padilla Maggay

Second Prize: "Bread and Quiz Shows" by Pareto Oliver B. Patacsil II

Third Prize: "Becoming a Hematologist" by Noel P. Pingoy, M.D.

VI. KABATAAN ESSAY

First Prize: "Waging War for Humanity: The Battle for Peace" by Enrico Miguel T. Subido

Second Prize: "My Brush with Eugenics" by Monica S. Macansantos

Third Prize: "World Peace in My Own Little Way, Bow" by Patricia Nicole J. Golez

VII. POETRY

First Prize: "Jolography" by Paolo Manalo

Second Prize: "Crossing the River and Other Poems" by Anthony L. Tan

Third Prize: "Things of Light" by Mariano L. Kilates

VIII. ONE-ACT PLAY

First Prize: No winner

Second Prize: "The Day Lola Lilia Finished Weaving" by Joseph Israel M. Laban

Third Prize: "Choosers of the Slain" by Hans Leo J. Cacdac

IX. FULL-LENGTH PLAY

First Prize: No winner

Second Prize: "When the Purple Settles" by Francis Tanglao-Aguas

Third Prize: "The Pasyon of Pedro Calosa and the Tayug Colorum Uprising of 1931" by Christopher Q. Gozum

I. SHORT STORY-CEBUANO

First Prize: "Libat" by Rolando S. Salvaña

Second Prize: "Ang Mga Babaye sa Among Baryo" by Sheilfa B. Alojamiento

Third Prize: "Sakdapanay" by Ernesto D. Lariosa

II. SHORT STORY-HILIGAYNON

First Prize: "Sa Taguangkan Sang Duta" by Alice Tan Gonzales

Second Prize: "taga-uma@manila" by Genevieve L. Asenjo

Third Prize: "Anghel Sang Capiz" by John Iremil E. Teodoro

III. SHORT STORY-ILUKO

First Prize: "Puon" by Lorenzo G. Tabin

Second Prize: "Alipugpog 1762-1765" by William V. Alvarado

Third Prize: "Salmo" by Eden Aquino Alviar

Socorro

...from page 5

er's library) and comes to lie between Ma and me on the bed.

Ma's bedroom couch is Squeak's house. She lives there like a mindless, faithful mongrel, and there are nights when she stares out the window into the big sky and sees UFOs. Day after Ma first heard about this, she got up on the roof to see if it were possible for a peeping tom with a flashlight to get near that window. Impossible, from any angle. There was no access, unless Peeping Tom could fly, she said. One night I saw them both looking out, almost midnight it was, and my Ma—my Ma!—told me they were waiting for aliens to swing by the block that night.

"Look at you," I tell Squeak, "you're 16, you should be on the phone with boys, not reading a book about prophets!"

"This is so not about prophets, dork!" she squeaks.

In March—nothing good happens in March—Ma comes home with her hair all gone, head shaved to a shine. She zooms into the dining room and goes: "Ta-da!"

Squeak and I shriek. A freaking Sinead O'Connor! She is 43, for crying out loud!

Then she breaks the news, breaks us. She says she better get at the hair before the chemo does. She says the word—kheemoe—like it was a detergent bar she'd picked up at Unimart. I feel like I'd been stabbed. Right here, between my ribs. I fly out of there, leaving a trail of curses behind me and go straight to my bedroom. I whack my pillows until the seams come off and the white fluff flies about me like dry snow.

She struts around the house like she was healthy, like she had hair. "How come your friends don't come around anymore?" she asks me on my way out to school one morning while I struggle balancing my history book and my gym bag and my stuff bag. I tell her something, like the guys are busy—"college now, you know," crap like that. She winks at me. She winks at me!

"What you winking at me for, Ma?"

"It's a blessing I get hit in the lungs. 'T least I get to keep the boobs," she says.

"Right. Like your A-cups were something to die for!"

"Ah like dem," she says. "I'll keep them or die."

She is at the door, with the sun on her face. Something about her makes me want to say, "Wanna come?" But if I ask her, she will come. Her head is a blinding orb in the light.

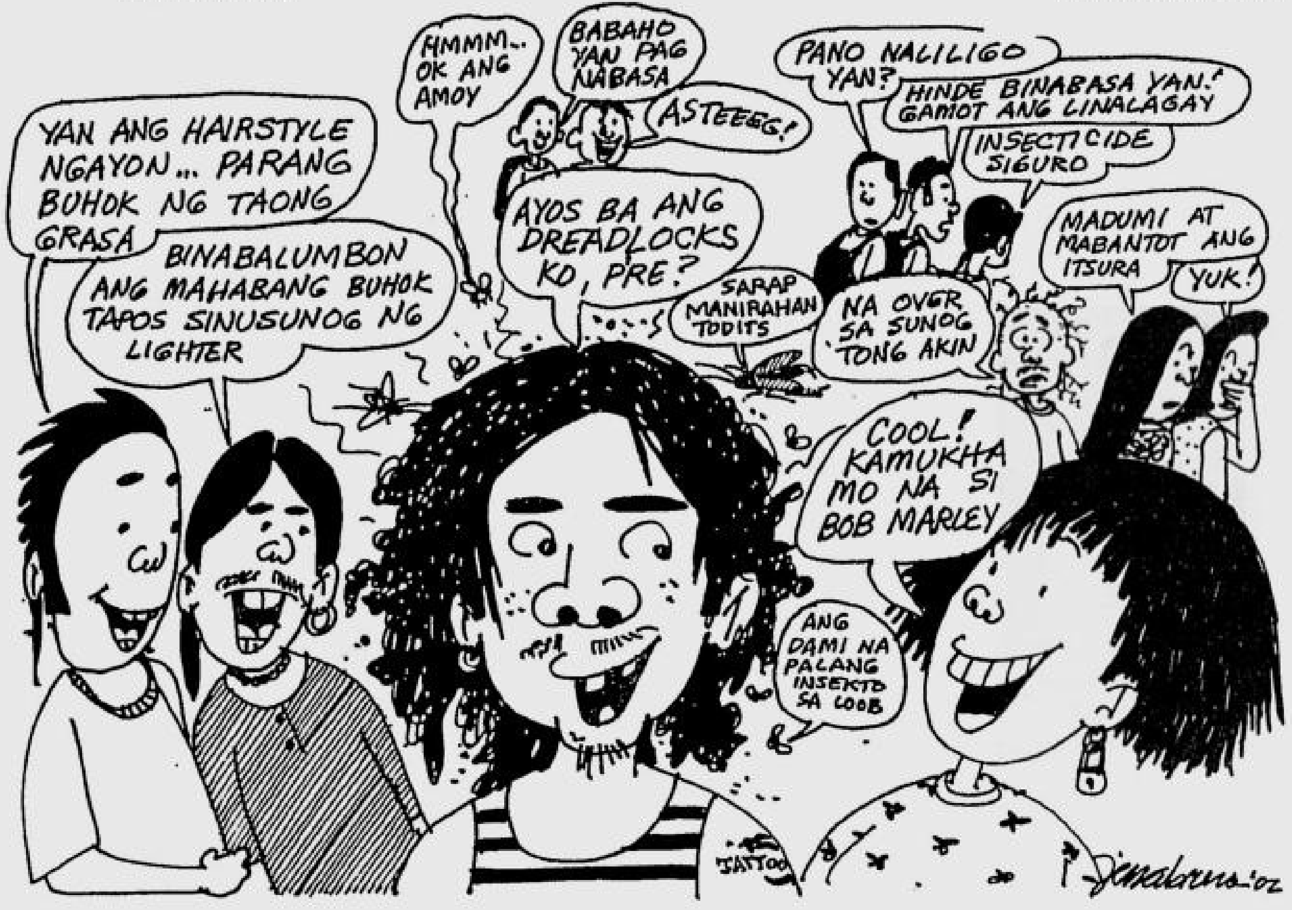
"Ever consider wearing a wig?" I say as I get into the car.

She goes: "But I feel hip this way!"

Pinoy Nga!

By Jess Abrera

Dreadlocks


YAN ANG HAIRSTYLE NGAYON... PARANG BUHOK NG TAONG GRASA
BINABALUMBON ANG MAHABANG BUHOK TAPOS SINUSUNOG NG LIGHTER
HMMM.. OK ANG AMOY
BABAHO YAN PAG NABASA
ASTEEEG!
AYOS BA ANG DREADLOCKS KO, PRE?
SARAP MANIRAHAN TODITS
PANO NALILIGO YAN?
HINDE BINABASA YAN! GAMOT ANG LINALAGAY
INSECTICIDE SIGURO
NA OVER SA SUNOG 'TONG AKIN
MADUMI AT MABANTOT ANG ITSURA
YUK!
COOL! KAMUKHA MO NA SI BOB MARLEY
ANG DAMI NA PALANG INSEKTO SA LOOB
TATTOO

Earn Your Degree or Career Diploma at Home . . .

. . . IN YOUR SPARE TIME WITHOUT ATTENDING CLASSES

Earn a Degree or Career Diploma that could change your life without attending college. At Thomson Education Direct (formerly ICS) we've spent more than a hundred years training people for exciting, profitable careers. From our beginnings in 1891, we have become a world leader in training for business, industry, science and technology. More than 11,000,000 students worldwide have enrolled with us, more than 2,000 corporations have used our training systems for their own employees — including Mobil, Ford, IBM, AT&T and GE.

An ideal way to learn. Our graduates tell us they like home study because you go as fast or slow as you want, waste no time travelling to and from class, never have to miss a paycheck. Your diploma is given for what you learn, not what you memorize. We send complete study materials to your home. You decide when you are ready to take each "open book" exam, a method proven so successful that it is now being used by major colleges in the US.

So if you want more security and a better future, send for FREE facts. No obligation! Mail coupon today!

- Accredited by the DISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING COUNCIL (DETC) in Washington, DC
- Licensed by the Pennsylvania State Board of Private Licensed Schools
- Reviewed and Approved as a Certified Provider of Continuing and Training Programs by the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING (IACET)

Cut out and mail the coupon or write to:
EDUCATION DIRECT, Dept 2912
P O BOX 14500 Ortigas Center Post Office 1605, Pasig City or visit
4th Floor Bloomingdale Plaza, Shaw Blvd (near Meralco Avenue), Pasig City.
Telephone 632-0608 • 632-0612 • FAX (632) 638-6525
E-mail address edirect@info com ph
www EducationDirect com

Call 632-0608 • 632-0612 or FAX us at 638-6525 for FREE Information today!

EDUCATION DIRECT, Dept 2912
P O BOX 14500 Ortigas Center Post Office 1605 Pasig City
I am interested in: ____
Name: ____
Address: ____
____
____ Zip Code: ____
Telephone No: ____ Age ____

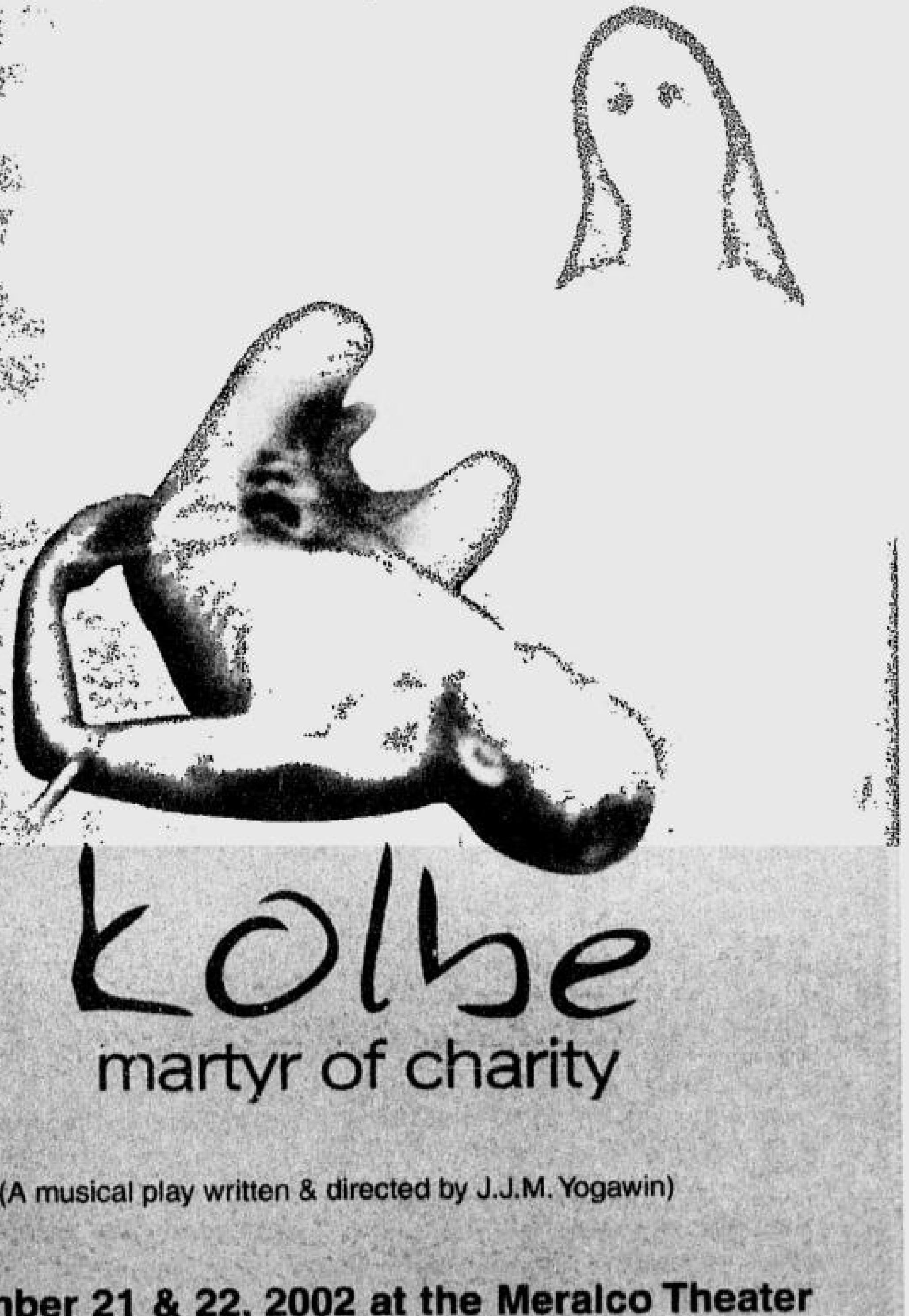
MEMBER PANA Truth in Advertising

Accounting for Non-Accountants
Adult Psychology
Advanced Management
Advertising
Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
Artist
Automotive Mechanic (Diesel & Gas)
Automotive Repair Technician
Basic Commercial Art
Basic Management
Bookkeeping/Accounting
Business Communications
Cartooning
Catering & Gourmet Cooking
Child Day Care
Child Psychology
Combination Weldor
Complete Programming
Computer Engineering
Computer Fundamentals/Basic Programming
Dental Assistant
Diesel Mechanic
Dressmaking/Pattern-Cutting & Design
Effective English
Electric Motor Repairman
Electronic Instrumentation & Control
Electronic Service Technician
Electronics Engineering
English Proficiency & Speech Improvement
Executive Assistant
Fitness & Nutrition
Freelance Journalism
Freelance Writer
General Drafting
Gunsmith
Hotel & Restaurant Management
Industrial Instrumentation & Process Control Technician
Industrial Management
Interior Decorator
Interior Design
Inventory Management & Control
Java Programmer
Marketing Management
Master Electrician
Master Motorcycle Repair
Mathematics Review Course
PC Fundamentals
Personal Computer Repair
Power Plant Engineering
Practical English
Professional Secretary
Professional Electrician
Public Relations
Short Story Writing
Small Business Management
Structural Engineering
Teacher Aide
Technical Writing
Telecommunications Technician
TV/VCR Repair
Visual Basic Programmer
Visual C++ Programmer
Web Page Designer

USA DEGREE PROGRAMS
Accounting
Applied Computer Science
Business Management Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Electronics Technology
Hospitality Management
Industrial Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

HIGH SCHOOL (YEAR 1 TO 4)

His was a fervent and noble dream...
...to conquer the world for Mary Immaculate.



kolbe
martyr of charity

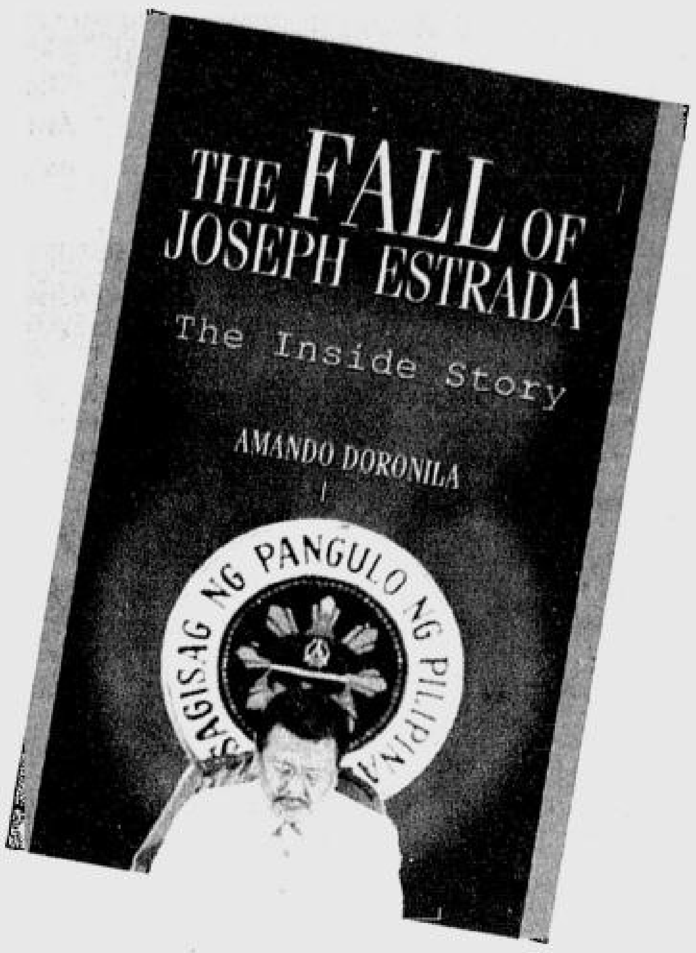
(A musical play written & directed by J.J.M. Yogawin)

September 21 & 22, 2002 at the Meralco Theater
3 p.m. (Matinee) and 7 p.m. (Gala)

Call TICKETWORLD now @ 891-5610

Good as Gold

The Gintong Aklat Awardees represent the best that Philippine book production has to offer



Since 1981, the Book Development Association of the Philippines has run the biannual Gintong Aklat Awards, which recognize quality books in terms of content and production. Three panels pore over the books closely and only those they deem excellent can receive the Gintong Aklat trophies. The Gintong Aklat Awards are given in the categories of Literature, Social Science, The Arts, Religion, Natural Science, Textbook and Children's Book.

This year, the awards were given out on August 30 at the Megatrade Hall, shortly after the official opening of this year's Philippine Bookfair. The winners are:

Natural Science: "Philippine Coral Reefs" (The Bookmark, Inc.), Trade Books: "Sulu Sulawesi Seas" (The Bookmark, Inc.), Literature: "Filipinos Writing: Philippine Literature from the Regions" (Anvil Publishing, Inc.) and "The Best Philippine Short Stories of the Twentieth Century" (Tahanan Pacific, Inc.) Children's and Young Readers' Literature: *"Abot Mo Ba Ang Tainga Mo?"* (Adarna House, Inc.) and "Supremo: The Story of Andres Bonifacio" (Tahanan Pacific, Inc.) The Arts: "Geopolitics of the Visible: Essays on Philippine Film Cultures" (Ateneo de Manila University Press) and "Image to Meaning: Essays on Philippine Art" (Ateneo de Manila University Press) Religious: "Leaving The Priesthood" (Ateneo de Manila University Press) Social Science: "The Fall of Joseph Estrada: The Inside Story" (Anvil Publishing, Inc., and Inquirer Books) and "Magosaha: An Ethnography of the Tawi-Tawi Sama Dilaut (Ateneo de Manila University Press).

Additionally, special citations were given to the following books: Natural Science: "Key Conservation Sites in the Philippines" (The Bookmark, Inc.) Trade Books: "Skin in the Tropics" (Anvil Publishing, Inc.) Children's Literature: "The Brothers Wu & The Good Luck Eel" (Tahanan Pacific, Inc.) Religious: "Liturgy Alive" (Claretian Communications, Inc.) and "the Flying Friar" (Tahanan Pacific, Inc.) Textbook: *"Asya: Lupang Biyaya II"* (Anvil Publishing, Inc.)

THE LATEST BREAKTHROUGH FROM UNIONBANK

Bank leader UnionBank partners with industry giants to launch a unique utility and credit card in one that promises stress-free payment of utility bills.

High powered group of Juliet Guanlao and Steve Conway of ACE Insurance; and David Fernando and Gerardo dela Paz from Meralco.

UnionBank, one of the fastest growing banks in the country recently launched a unique product that combines the convenience of a credit card and the ease of utility card in one.

Lumina Visa card is an international VISA Card formed out of a partnership with the country's leading utility companies and UnionBank. Its aim is to primarily give residential customers more options and convenience in paying utility bills such as electricity water, cable telephone, cellphone and internet. Lumina's loyalty program also revolves around the utilities. It gives 1% rebate point on Meralco bills and 1/2% for the other utility bills.

UnionBank President Victor B. Valdepenas, says, "UnionBank's partnership with industry giants Meralco, PLDT, Globe and Smart is the bank's first step in introducing the future in finance settlement in the Philippines. It is our way of making life easier and stress-free for our clients. The Lumina Visa Card is truly a first in the country - a utility card and credit card in one."

Attended by business bigwigs such as Meralco's **Manolo Lopez** with sons **Mike** and **Mark**, UnionBank's **Miguel Aboitiz**, **Steve Conway** of ACE Insurance of North America and **June Seah** of Visa International, the Lumina Visa launch also witnessed the unveiling of the unique card.

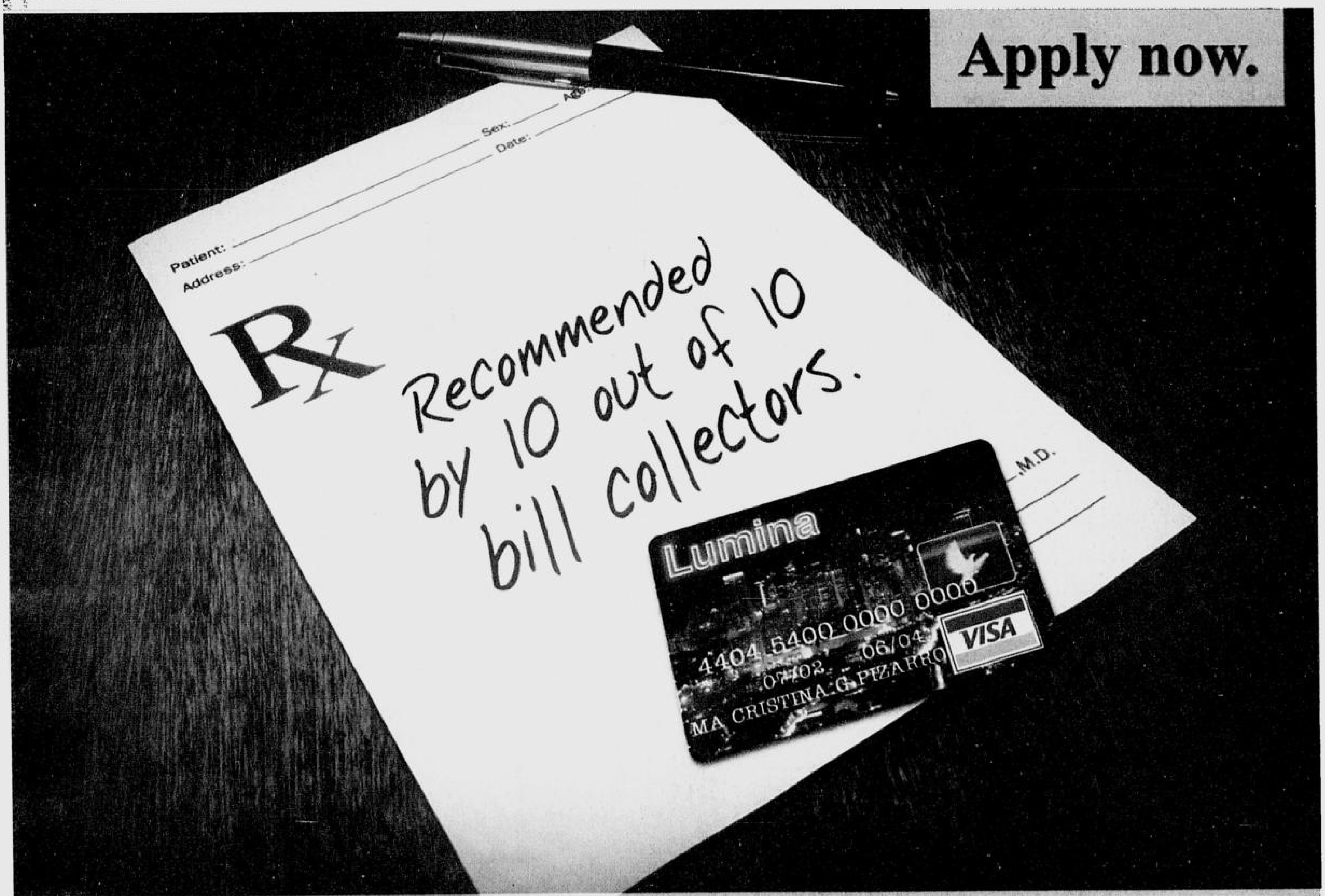
The card is positioned as a **utility card** that helps reduce the stress of having to keep track of several household utility bills. Hence, it is dubbed "the anti-stress utility card."

All billings associated with the following utility partners can be paid through Lumina Visa's auto-charge arrangement. Union Bank partners, headed by Meralco, include Manila Water Company, Maynilad Water Services, PLDT, Bayantel, Digitel, Piltel, Globe Telecom, Smart Communications, Sky Cable, Home Cable, Sky Internet, Pacific Internet, Now Cable Internet, Infocom and ACE Insurance of North America (formerly CIGNA).

The Lumina Visa Card application forms are available at all Union Bank and Meralco branches.

Brothers Mike Lopez & Mark Lopez of Meralco.

ADVT



Consider yourself cured from all the stress and hassles of paying utility bills. Introducing **LUMINA Visa** from UnionBank and its Utility Partners. It is the first ever utility-specialized credit card with a **Utility Auto-Charge Facility** on practically all household bills like water, electricity, cable, phone, mobile, internet and even insurance! So, your disconnection worries would all be a thing of the past! Plus you you get 1% rebate point on your Meralco bill payments and 1/2% on all other utility and retail transactions. That's a lot of money saved because we reward you for simply paying your bills!

Lumina VISA
THE ANTI-STRESS UTILITY CARD

Interested? Call **747-1000** for a free consultation.

MERALCO MAYNILAD WATER Manila Water PLDT PILTEL BAYANTEL DIGITEL SMART GLOBE TELECOM HOME SKYCABLE infocom Pacific Internet SKY internet NOW